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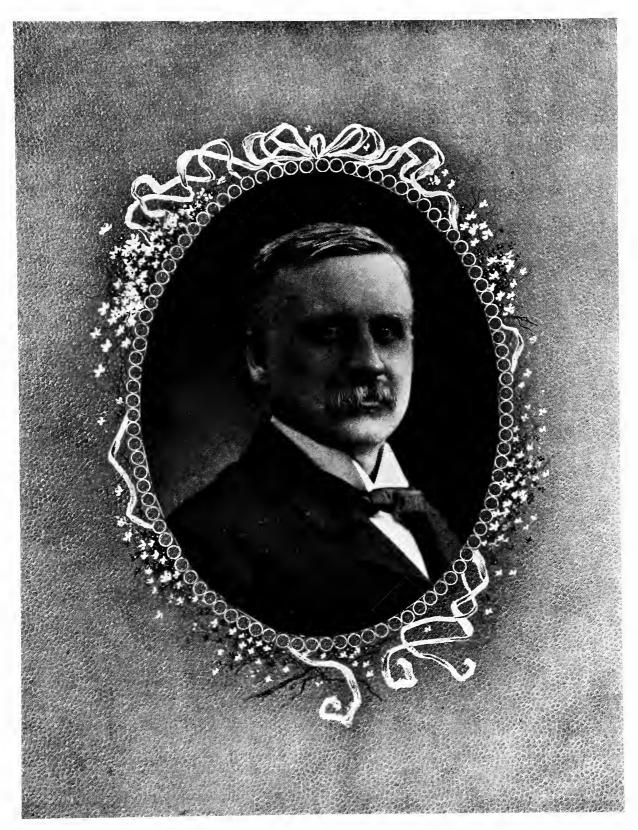
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# ROCHESTER'S MASONIC HISTORY



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Valley Lodge, No. 109, F. & A. M.

THE first lodge of Free Masons in this city was known as Wells Lodge, No. 282, and was given its charter in the year 1817. This pioneer organization of the fraternity flourished for a long period, but in the development of the adverse elements of political and social persecution that began in 1829, it succumbed with the



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other Masonic bodies of this city and vicinity. The charter is believed to have been destroyed and its name has become obsolete. For nearly twenty years the pioneer Masons of the Genesee Valley maintained a sturdy integrity in their vows, and many of them lived to see the flames of passion allayed to such an extent as to leave no room for doubt that the Masonic institution could here be re-established. Through

the indefatigable exertions of Gen. William E. Lathrop, this praiseworthy object was brought about in the year 1846, and a charter dated June 8, 1846, was obtained from the Grand Lodge of the State of New York for Valley Lodge, No. 109, with Charles G. Cummings as W. M.

The oldest Masonic Lodge in Rochester to-day is Valley Lodge, No. 109, F. & A. M., which received its charter June 8, 1846. The history of Valley Lodge is full of incidents of the deepest interest to the Masons of our city. Chartered in 1846 with the following named charter members, all of whom have passed away: William A. Langworthy, Henry A. Brewster, Nicholas E. Paine, Samuel Richardson, Lyman B. Langworthy, Sylvester H. Packard, Nathaniel Clark, Asahel S. Beers, Schuyler Moses, Ebenezer Watts, Charles C. Lathrop, Cyrus Knapp, Phineas B. Cook, Marcus Moses, William E. Lathrop.

Many of these names are distinguished in the Masonic history of our city in other bodies than Valley Lodge. The last of the charter members to pass away was Schuyler Moses, one of the brightest Masons that ever honored the Masonic fraternity. Valley, in the pro-

cess of time, became the mother of other lodges, notably Yonnondio No. 163, Genesee Falls No. 507, Rochester No. 660, and Germania No. 722.

The following well known brethren have served Valley Lodge in the capacity of Worshipful Master: \*William A. Langworthy, 1845; \*Samuel Richardson, 1845; \*Asahel S. Beers, 1846; \*Charles G. Cummings, 1847-48; \*Nicholas E. Paine, 1849; \*Sylvester H. Packard, 1850; \*Ebenezer T. Oatley, 1851-54-55-56-57-58-59; \*Edward Whalen, 1852; \*Jacob Howe, 1853; \*Roswell H. Smith, 1860-66-67-68-69-70; \*John W. McElhinny, 1861-62; Solomon M. Benjamin, 1863-64-65-71; John Alexander, 1872-84; John M. Brown, 1873-75; William C. Brown, 1874; Henry J. Durgin, 1876; †William B. Mather, 1877; †John H. Bird, 1878-80; Fred H. Beach, 1879; B. Frank LaSalle, 1881-82; John W. Merriam, 1883-88-89; †Frank H. Vick, 1885-90; Abram J. Katz, 1886; Fred A. Moses, 1887; Edwin G. Howe, 1891-92-93-94; Charles L. Ball, 1895; Harry J. Mulligan, 1896; Charles S. Owen, 1897; John B. Mullen, 1898; Charles B. Rebasz, 1899; John C. McNab, 1900; J. Clifton Baker, 1901. Of this number, seventeen are still living.

The regular communications of Valley Lodge are on the first and third Monday evenings of each month. The officers of the Lodge at the present time are as follows: Harry B. Guilford, W. M.; Charles H. McDermott, S. W.; John McKie, J. W.; Maurice Leyden, Treasurer; Clifton C. Gifford, Secretary; Frederick B. Lyddon, S. D.; George W. Cooper, J. D.; Frank H. Mosher, S. M. C.; Thomas J. Watson, J. M. C.; Frank C. Brown, Walter D. McDowell, Frank S. Neely, Stewards; Rev. Charles E; Hamilton, Thomas G. Young, Rev. Joseph Vitale, Chaplains; Harry R. Nettleton, Marshal; M. James Steel, Tiler; Samuel Attridge, Assistant Tiler; Fred A. Reynolds, Organist; William Darling, Assistant Organist. Finance Committee, J. Clifton Baker, Charles H. McDermott, Grove Brown; General Committee, Herbert S. Jenner, 1902-03-04; Trustees, Moss Mosely, 1902; Thomas G. Young, 1902-03; Charles S. Owen, 1902-03-04; Quartet. W. W. Spragge, C. V. Lansing, J. W. Singleton, J. J. Louret.

The present year is proving one of the most prosperous in the history of Valley Lodge and the officers have every reason to be more than satisfied with the work that they are permitted to accomplish in the Masonic vineyard.

\*Deceased. †Dimitted.



# Yonnondio Lodge, No. 163, F. & A. M.

Yonnondio Lodge, the second Masonic Lodge in Rochester, was organized April 3, 1850, chartered June 8, 1850, and incorporated February 17, 1870. "Yonnondio," meaning "Great Mountain," was the name given to the lodge organized by William Brewster, Charles G. Cummings, Nicholas E. Paine, William E. Lathrop, Cornelius G. Palmer, Nathaniel Clark, William F. Holmes, Lansing B. Swan, Abram Karnes, George B. Harris, all of whom have long since passed to their reward in the Grand Lodge on high.

The name "Yonnondio," signifying "Great Mountain," had been selected for the new lodge upon the suggestion of Brother Eli Parker, of Valley Lodge, and afterwards of Genesee Falls Lodge. Brother Parker was a full blooded Indian and Chief of the Six Nations. He was afterwards Chief of the Staff on Gen. U. S. Grant's Staff and drew up the articles of surrender at Appomattox.

So great was the prosperity and so rapid the growth of Valley Lodge that encouragement was given a few of the brethren to take up the burden of organizing this second lodge in 1850. The necessary permission was cheerfully given by Valley Lodge and on the first of April that year dimits were granted the above named brethren and they received a God speed in their work of organizing Yonnondio Lodge No. 163, an informal meeting being held Wednesday evening, April 3, 1850, with W. M. Nicholas E. Paine in the east.

From the record of this informal meeting of the Lodge on that Wednesday evening, April, 1850, down to the meetings of the present day, the large ledger volume of records contain a complete and accurate account of every meeting regular and special that this Lodge has ever This seems to be quite remarkable in fifty-two years of history. The first candidate to receive the degrees in this Lodge was Bro. George B. Redfield, September 25, 1850. The Lodge was formally instituted in due form by the authority of the Grand Lodge, June 21, 1850, by Bro. Jarvis M. Hatch, of Utica Lodge No. 47. The growth of this Lodge in membership since 1859 has been steady and of a healthy character. In 1850 the Lodge started with ten charter members and in 1860 had reached an enrollment of 217; in 1870, 285; in 1880, 310; in 1890, 427; in 1900, 770; in 1902, over 1000. During the fifty years of its existence the Lodge has received as members, 1529 persons, and during this period 1694 meetings have been held. It is an interesting fact that among the members of Yonnondio Lodge to-day there are nine who came into the organization previous to 1860. At the head of the list of veterans, as the oldest living member of Yonnondio, stands Bro. Dwight Knapp, who was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason June 25, 1855. The eight other veterans are Brothers James S. Graham, 1859; Robert M. Chapman, 1857; George C. Clark, 1857; James M. Dickinson, 1859; William Donaldson, 1859; John H. Howe, 1857; P. W. A. M. Ostrander, 1858.

In the membership of Yonnondio Lodge there have always been many members who have been prominent in making our fair city what it is although they have long since gone into that Lodge on High where they have heard from the Grand Master those welcome words, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." Such names as E. Darwin Smith, W. C. Storrs, Andrew M. Semple, David Upton, John F. Whitbeck, Henry Wray, James F. Poole, Seth Green, Thomas Gliddon, William S. Alling, and many others are names all closely identified with the city's interest as well as revered members of Yonnondio Lodge.

"We'll not forget them, we who stay

To work a little longer here;

Their names, their faith, their love shall lie

On mem'ry's tablets, bright and clear.

Farewell! loved companions; their worth we'll proclaim,

Their memory we'll cherish while life shall remain."

Two of the Grand Masters of the State of New York, General Lathrop and Bro. S. V. McDowell, have been from this Lodge, while the High Priest of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masonry of this state, in 1900, was Wor. Bro. Joseph A. Crane, and the present Grand Master of Royal and Select Masons of the State of New York is P. W. Willard S. Bradt. Of the twenty-two Past High Priests of Hamilton Chapter living, fifteen are members of this Lodge, and of the forty-one Commanders of Monroe Commandery during the last fifty years, twenty-two have owed their Blue Lodge allegiance to Yonnondio.

Yonnondio has been fortunate in the services she has received from the hands of her Masters in the years that are gone. There have been forty Masters, thirty-two of whom are living today. Wor. Alva M. Ostrander is the oldest surviving Past Master, who, though a Mason for nearly half a century, has lost none of his enthusiasm for the order and is a much more regular attendant today than the younger members.

The following is the list of Yonnondio's Past Masters: N. E. Paine, 1850; William E. Lathrop, 1851-52-53-54-55-56-57-58; Charles Vail, 1859; William W. Bruff, 1860-61; A. M. Ostrander, 1862-63-64; William F. Holmes, 1865; C. W. Watson, 1866; H. B. Knapp, 1867-68; William S. Coon, 1869-70-71; J. T. Southard, 1872; F. F. Boorman, 1873; John Mitchell, 1874; David K. Carter, 1875; T. L. Turner, 1876-77; Henry M. Plant, 1878; Williard S. Bradt, 1879; John A. Davis, 1880; William J. McKelvey, 1881; Robert Salter, 1882; A. D. McMaster, 1883; William H. Jones, 1884; Charles M. Williams, 1885; J. W. McKelvey, 1886; R. A. Searing, 1887; W. J. Marlin, 1888; L. S. Kendall, 1889; J. A. Crane, 1890; J. R. Chamberlain, 1891; Frank B. Goble, 1892; J. H. Anslinger, 1893; Charles P. Lyon, 1894; Thomas Dransfield, 1895; Fred G. Sweet, 1896; John B. Colman, 1897; George A. Benton, 1898; Frederick R. Smith, 1899; C. W. Blodgett, 1900; Andrew Ludolph, 1901; Emil H. Schmidt, 1902.



JOSEPH A. CRANE

Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons State of New York



The following is a list of Yonnondio's present officers: Emil Henry Schmidt, W. M.; Fred. Louis Meyers, S. W.; William Carvey Smith, J. W.; Charles M. Williams, Treasurer; Charles Henry Carson, Secretary; Charles Deforest Gallagher, S. D.; Ward Kelly Angevine, A. S. D.; Arthur Warren, S. M. of C.; Fred. Louis Dutcher, J. M. of C.; Raymond J. Ruliffson, S. S.; William John Parker, J. S.; Fred. Albert Reynolds, Organist; Chas. Mackley, Assistant Organist; Quartette: John Louret, John W. Singleton, William W. Spragge, Charles V. Lansing; James E. Carson, Jr., soloist; Cyrus VanNess Mills, Marshal; Albert C. Bostwick, Master of Arts; Isaac P. Coddington, Chaplain; Fred. N. Lindsay, Assistant Chaplain; Matthew J. Steele, Tiler; Finance Committee: Charles Price Simpson, Charles P. Lyon, Isaac DeMallie; Trustees: William H. Jones, Henry M. Plant, William J. Mc-Kelvy; Member Masonic General Committee: Jos. A. Crane.

# Genesee Falls Lodge, No. 507, F. & A. M.

The dispensation for the organization of Genesee Falls Lodge, No. 507, F. & A. M., was issued in 1860, and its first meeting under dispensation was held August 14, 1860. At the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge in June, 1861, the lodge was constituted under its charter by Past Master William Brewster, acting as Grand Master. Gen. William E. Lathrop was installed first W. M.; Dr. John F. Whitbeck, S. W., and David P. Richardson, J. W. As one recent writer has said: "It is now the largest lodge numerically in the United States, and undoubtedly the largest in the World, bearing on its rolls more than one thousand and seventy-six members in good standing. In the year 1900, 118, and in 1901, 153 were raised to the third degree.

Following is a list of the Past Masters of the Lodge, with the dates of their service: Wm. E. Lathrop, 1860-61; John F. Whitbeck, 1862; Hiram D. Vosburg, 1863; John F. Whitbeck, 1864-65; Jeffrey W. Vary, 1866-67; William Shelp, 1868-69; Luther J. W. Vary, 1870; George F. Loder, 1871; Everett C. Bradstreet, 1872; Franklin S. Stebbins, 1873; Julius L. Townsend, 1874; Daniel T. Hunt, 1875; Walter Liddell, 1876; William H. Bosworth, 1877; Samuel C. Pierce, 1878; Varnum M. Colvin, 1879; W. Lincoln Sage, 1880; Thomas A. Raymond, 1881; John H. Putnam, 1882; William H. Whiting, 1883; William H. Bosworth, 1884; Asa B. Norcross, 1885; Thomas C. Hodgson, 1886; Philip A. Clum, 1887; George F. Loder, 1888-89-90; S. D. W. Cleveland, 1891-92; George F. Loder, 1893; Franklin W. Morse, 1894; Horace G. Oliver, 1895; Henry Lampert, 1896; Clarence E. Hedges, 1897; Franklin S. Stebbins, 1898; Morley B. Turpin, 1899; Charles M. Colton, 1900-01.

The officers for the year 1902 are: Master, I. C. Edington; Senior Warden, D. C. Hebbard; Junior Warden, George E. Hatch; Treasurer, E. F. Pillow; Secretary, Fred. M. Young; Chaplains, Rev. Murray Bartlett,

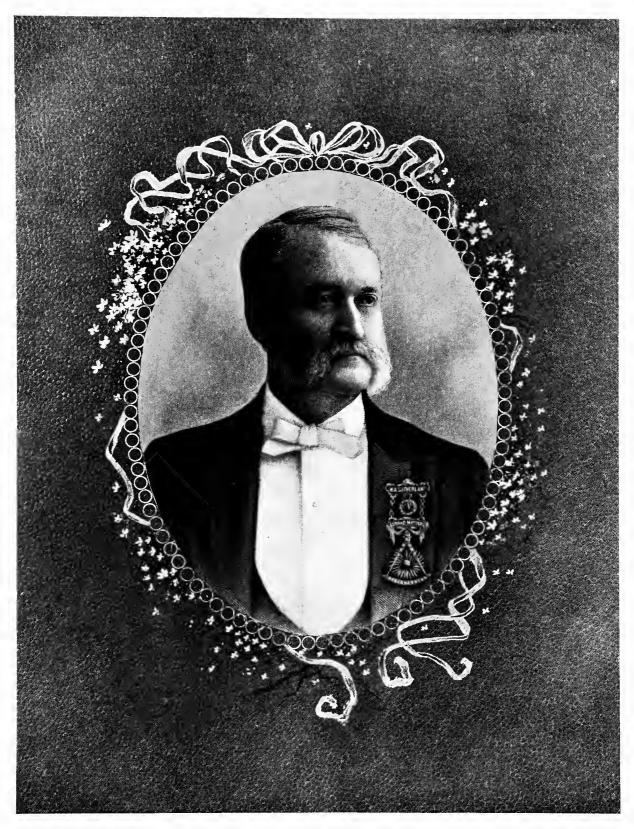
Rev. Thomas Cardus, Rev. Francis Lippitt, Rev. J. Lyon Caughey, Rev. Francis C. Woodward; Senior Deacon, M. Van Valkenberg; Assistant Senior Deacon, George W. Milby; Junior Deacon, Edward Lynn; Assistant Junior Deacon, E. M. Bentley; Senior Master of Ceremonies, W. L. Fisk; Junior Master of Ceremonies, E. Tracy Otis; Senior Steward, R. E. Westbury; Junior Steward, E. O. Gibbs; Marshal, G. H. Pardee; Assistant Marshal, David O. Cloud; Master of Arts, Frederick Fish; Tyler, M. J. Steel; Organist, C. W. La Salle; Assistant Organist, D. M. Cotton; Quartette: George W. Walton, director, John Singleton, C. V. Lansing, W. H. Larned; Trustees, F. S. Stebbins, George F. Loder, Joseph S. Vick; Member of General Committee, George J. Oaks.

## Rochester Lodge No. 660, F. & A. M.

The fourth oldest Lodge in the city is Rochester Lodge No. 660, F. & A. M., which holds its stated communications on the first and third Wednesday evenings of each month. This Lodge received its charter August 22, 1867, and was incorporated June 28, 1902. This Lodge has had a most prosperous career from the day of its organization until at the present time it numbers among its membership some of the most prominent Masons in the Flower City.

The following distinguished brethren have served as Masters of this Lodge: J. W. McElhinny, 1867; J. W. McElhinny, 1868; William Carson, 1869; R. K. Gould, 1870; William Carson, 1871; J. G. Maurer, 1872; Edwin A. Loder, 1873; John E. Morey, 1874; Thomas Brooks, 1875; Edwin B. Chapin, 1876; Daniel S. Benjamin, 1877; Frank Taylor, 1878; John W. Stebbins, 1879; Frank J. Craigie, 1880; Andrew J. Hatch, 1881; Marcus Hirshfield, 1882; Frank E. Glen, 1883; James H. Kelly, 1884; Philip Green, 1885; Erwin J. Lathrop, 1886; Frank Taylor, 1887; James O. Spellman, 1888; William H. Barlow, 1889; P. Chamberlain, 1890; Arthur E. Sutherland, 1891; Charles D. Tuke, 1892; William H. Taylor, 1893; Robert G. Levis, 1894; Frederick J. Smythe, 1895; John W. Fulreader, 1896-97; Wallace P. Couch, 1898; Arthur G. Odell, 1899; George E. Bown, 1900; Charles B. Bechtold, 1901.

The officers of Rochester Lodge for the present year are as follows: James G. Greene, W. M.; R. G. Holden, S. W.; E. J. Lathrop, J. W.; Henry D. Stone, Treasurer; T. R. Peshine, Secretary; C. J. Stothers, S. D.; C. D. Oliver, Asst. S. D.; C. P. Shirley, J. D.; E. H. Burke, S. M. of Cer.; H. A. Dutton, J. M. of Cer.; W. H. Cobb, Steward; P. J. Peckens, Steward; J. S. Quick, Marshall; C. W. LaSalle, Organist; John McMullen, Asst. Organist. Quartette: H. B. Benson, W. A. Scrymghour, C. P. Shutt, Frank Sheard. Finance Committee: G. H. Fisk, G. H. White, A. L. Richmond. Thomas Brooks, Tiler. Trustees: Charles B. Bechtold, F. J. Smythe, T. R. Peshine.



M.: W.: WM. A. SUTHERLAND, 33°

Grand Master of Masons in the State of New York, 1897-1899, and Honorary Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada



# Germania Lodge, No. 722, F. & A. M.

The organization of Germania Lodge No. 722, F. & A. M., was accomplished for the purpose of fulfilling the desire of many of the German brethren for a lodge in which they could confer the orders using the German language. The Lodge received its charter in March, 1872, and from the very first has been one of the most prosperous German lodges in the state. Its membership at the present time has reached 230. Their stated communications are held upon the second and fourth Wednesday evenings in each month.

The following named brethren have served as Masters of the Lodge: George F. Mertz, J. George Baetzel, John Neun, John Viehmann, John Hilficker, Henry Kohlmetz, Robert Stierly, George A. Frisch, Christian Wittwer, Carl Wilhelm, Fred Freund, William Scherer, William H. Hahle, Justus Beisheim, John Fricker.

The work of this Lodge is characterized by great enthusiasm and the meetings are always largely attended. The present year has been one of unusual activity and prosperity in this Lodge.

The following Charter members of the Lodge are living: John Neun, Francis Boor, Charles Vogel and Charles Weissinger, dimitted.

The officers of the present year are: William Karle, Master; C. Rudolph Kastner, S. W.; Henry D. Wachtler, J. W.; Henry Hussman, Treasurer; William H. Hahle, Secretary; John Viehmann, Chaplain; John Fricker, Chaplain; Edward Deusing, S. D.; Paul F. Lemke, J. D.; Carl Husmann, M. C.; Edward Bock, J. M. C.; Christian Schlicker, Steward; George F. Hoffman, Steward; Carl Knab, Organist; Frederick Schauman, Marshal; J. M. Steele, Tiler. Finance Committee: Edward Deusing, George Gundell, Lewis Schauman. Trustees; Charles Vogel, John Neun, Justus Beisheim. Investigating Committee: Joseph Winter, Charles Gerhard, H. Husmann. Instruction Committee: William Karle, C. R. Kastner, H. Wachtler, Sigmund Handler, Paul F. Lemke, John Fricker, William H. Hahle.

#### FAIR COMMITTEE.

Wm. Karle, Director; Mrs. Wm. Karle, Chairman; Miss Amelia M. Karle, Miss Emma Kern, Miss Josephine Eyer, Miss Bertha C. Rupp, Miss Rose Gerling, Miss V. Schmitt, Miss Henrietta Wick, Miss Ida Hilgenreiner, Miss Mabel Young.

Mrs. Edward Deusing, Chairman; Mrs. A. J. Hartel, Mrs. Geo. Zieres, Miss Amelia Gundell, Miss Sadie Gundell, Miss Anna M. H. Deusing, Miss Bertha E. Hahle, Miss Mae Hahle, Miss Lillian Beisheim, Miss Edythe Zimmer.

Mrs. Herman Cassebeer, Chairman; Mrs. Albrecht Vogt, Mrs. Geo. Koch, Mrs. J. Geo. Kaelber, Mrs. F. Kobbe, Mrs. A. Cassebeer, Mrs. L. W. Wehn, Mrs. Edward Pfahl, Mrs. F. A. Stecher, Miss Margaret Bauer.

Mrs. Fred Freund, Chairman; Mrs. Fred Kuefer,

Mrs. Paul W. Freidler, Mrs. John Fahrer, Mrs. Louis Westermann, Mrs. Otto Hoefler, Mrs. John U. Schroth, Mrs. Chas. E. Kohlmetz, Miss Carrie Hilgenreiner, Miss Bertha Hilgenreiner.

# Frank R. Lawrence Lodge, No. 797, F. & A. M.

This is one of the younger lodges of Rochester, having been organized March 6, 1889, and chartered June 6, 1889. The Lodge was named in honor of Grand Master Most Worshipful Frank R. Lawrence, who was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of this state during 1889.

Among the nearly one hundred members comprising this Lodge are many of the leading business and professional men of Rochester. The Past Masters up to the present time have been Most Worshipful William A. Sutherland, Right Worshipful George H. Clark, Frank E. Woodworth, Right Worshipful J. Hungerford Smith, and Dr. Wallace J. Harriman.

This Lodge, as well as the entire Masonic fraternity of Rochester, felt highly honored when Most Worshipful William A. Sutherland was, a few years since, elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the state. The distinguished record that he made during the time that he presided over the Grand Lodge will always be one of the most cherished memories of the Masonic fraternity in this city.

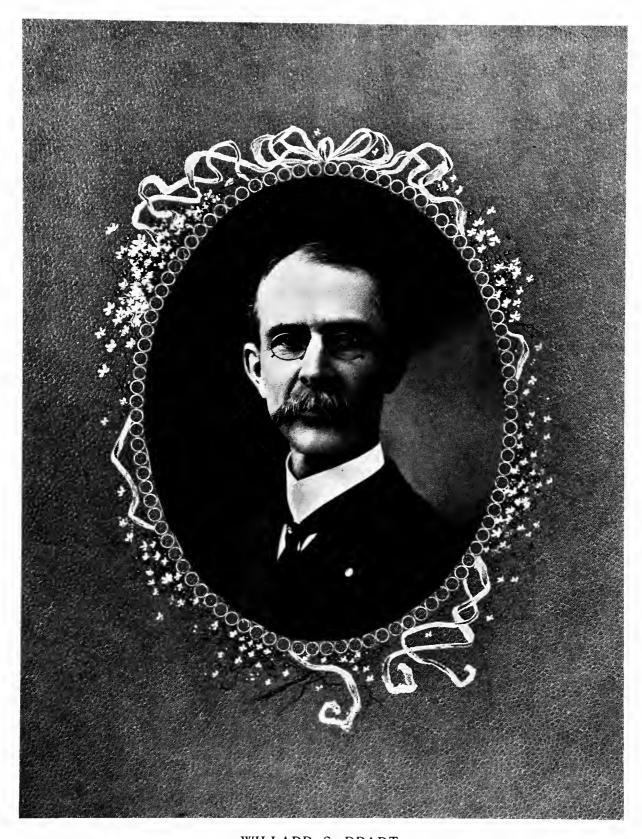
The present officers of Frank R. Lawrence Lodge are: William S. Ernisse, W. M.; Harry S. Woodworth, S. W.; Henry R. East, J. W.; Fred B. Graves, Treasurer; Willis P. Anderson, Secretary; Clifford L. Kerr, S. D.; A. Edwin Bickford, J. D.; A. J. Johnson, S. M. Cer.; E. N. Walbridge, J. M. Cer.; Rev. Andrew J. Graham, Chaplain; Thomas Brooks, Tiler.

#### Corinthian Temple Lodge, No. 805, F. & A. M.

The first regular communication of Corinthian Temple Lodge No. 805, F. & A. M., U. D., was held June 20, 1892.

The Lodge was located during the first few months of its existence in Ashton's Hall, 279 Lake Avenue, corner of Glenwood Avenue, until the growth of the Lodge made it necessary to find more commodious quarters. Then a change was made to the new hall, 681 Lake Avenue, which was built expressly and fitted up for the Lodge by Bro. John H. Ashton. The new building where the Lodge now meets is known as Corinthian Temple. It is as tastefully fitted up as any lodge room in the country, having all the modern appliances for the conferring of the degrees. One of the reasons for the popularity of Corinthian Temple Lodge is the excellent work done by its officers and their zeal and proficiency in Masonic work.

The new hall was dedicated on the evening of June 22, 1893. R. W. William H. Whiting presented and read the warrant or charter issued in form to Hon. Charles S. Baker as Master, John B. Colman as S. W.



WILLARD S. BRADT

M. III. Grand Master Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the State of New York



and Charles L. Yates as J. W. The Great Light in Masonry is inscribed, "Presented to Corinthian Temple Lodge, F. & A. M., at its organization by Charles S. Baker, the first W. M., June 20, 1892."

The Lodge has a membership of two hundred sixty members. Its charter members at the time of its organization were; Hon. Charles S. Baker, P. M.; Phillip A. Clum, P. M.; R. W. Charles L. Yates, DeGarmo Robbins, Joseph Cowles, Samuel P. Moulthrop, John B. Colman, George Atkinson, John R. Kay, William Searles, P. M.; Charles L. Raymond, John F. Boyd, Morris F. Clark, Henry W. Hewer, John H. Ashton, William H. Duffett, P. M.; James R. Tyler, Silas A. Servis, Henry Likly and John H. Wallace.

The officers for the present year are: George G. Davis, W. M.; Frank L. Sibley, S. W.; Merritt L. Hutchinson, J. W.; Joseph M. Acker, Treasurer; A. Dixson Davis, Secretary; Loren E. Mason, S. D.; Herbert C. MacAlpine, J. D.; Henry Attridge, S. M. C.; Frederick W. Fickett, J. M. C.; T. Fred Barrows, S. S.; James C. Barber, J. S.; Rev. Curtin G. Roop, Chaplain; A. W. Denio, Marshall; John F. Boyd, Marshall. Quartette; George W. Walton, William C. Walker, William H. Learned, P. Cameron Shutt.

Corinthian Temple Lodge meets every first and third Monday in each month.

When organized it was learned that another Lodge in the state claimed the name of "Corinthian," consequently the word "Temple" was added.

Since the date of its institution, eight members of the Lodge have died.

#### Hamilton Chapter, No. 62, R. A. M.

Probably no Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in the State of New York has so interesting a history as that of Hamilton Chapter. This Chapter had its inception from the desire of many members in Wells Lodge, No. 282, F. & A. M., to organize a branch of Capitular Masonry in Rochester. The following named brethren, eleven in number, were instrumental in procuring the warrant for Hamilton Chapter: Levi H. Clark, William Neafus, Chauncey Dean, William Cobb, William Johnson, Solomon Close, David C. West, Samuel J. Andrews, Benjamin Abel, Chauncey Cobb, Glover Fenn.

At this time M. E. Companion Ezra Ames was Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter, and DeWitt Clinton, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter. The charter for Hamilton Chapter was granted at the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter held at Albany, February 3, 1819. The wording of the charter was as follows:

"To Companions Levi H. Clark, William Neafus and Chauncey Dean, to hold a chapter at Rochester, within two miles of the bridge crossing the Genesee River, by the name of Hamilton Chapter, No. 62."

In the language of Companion Thomas Gliddon, who writes most interestingly of this period: "Where is this

bridge? Undoubtedly it was the old bridge at Carthage which was completed that year—a bridge that was regarded as a bold feat in engineering, as it was constructed with a single arch two hundred feet above the surface of the river. The bridge, however, has long since passed away. It is not easy to interpret the Grand Chapter record, and determine with accuracy where the nearest Chapters were then located. It is certain, however, that west of Rochester only one or two had received charters earlier than 1819. There was one at Geneva; and on the same day that Hamilton was chartered, Ontario Temple, No. 66, at Canandaigua, were likewise duly authorized with a charter."

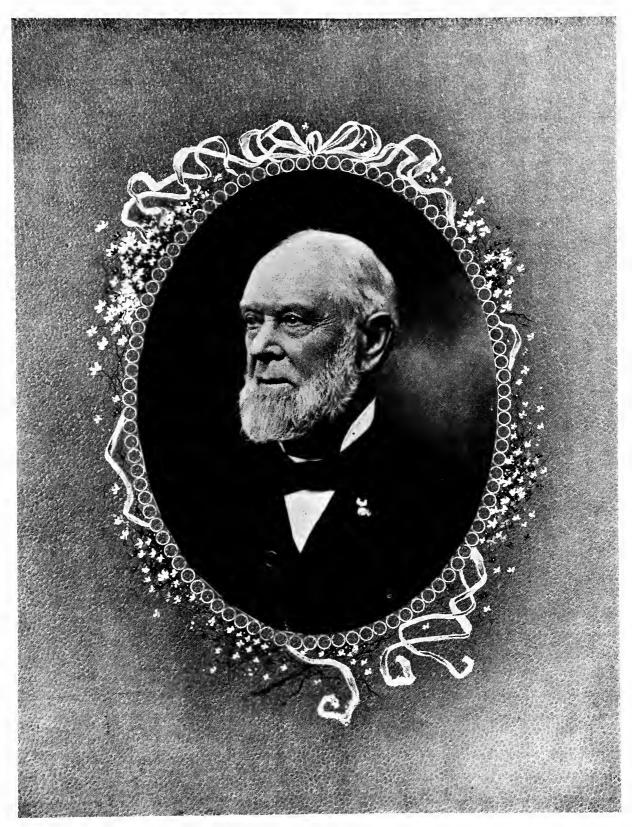
The first regular communication of Hamilton Chapter was held January 16, 1819, when William Cobb presided, and Companions Caleb L. Clark, A. Hamlin, William Neafus, Solomon Close, David C. West, William Johnson and Ebenezer Watts were present. Brothers John G. Bond, William Brewster, William Atkinson, Phelps Smith and Harvey Gilman were proposed for membership. Levi H. Clark, William Cobb and William Neafus were appointed a committee to draft a code of by-laws. Tradition informs us that the lodge room where the Chapter met was in the building owned by Abelard Reynolds, on the site of the present Reynolds Arcade building.

It was on January 28th of the same year that the Chapter opened for the first time on the "Seventh Degree," and received fifteen petitions for exaltation. On the first of the February following these candidates received sublime degree of the Royal Arch: William Atkinson, Elisha B. Strong, Elijah Darrow, Rev. Comfort Williams, Ebenezer Watts, Benjamin Austin, Harvey Gilman, Oliver Culver, John G. Bond, Phelps Smith, Ira West, William Brewster, Charles Jackson, C. L. Clark, Augustine G. Dauby.

The first installation of the officers of Hamilton Chapter occurred March 17, 1819. At this time an oration was given by M. E. Companion Levi H. Clark, and the installation ceremonies were conducted by Most Excellent Companion and Reverend Alanson Welton, P. H. P. of Richmond Chapter.

The following officers were installed: High Priest, Levi H. Clark; King, William Cobb; Scribe, Chauncey Dean; Captain of Host, Benjamin Abel; Principal Sojourner, Davis C. West; Royal Arch Captain, William Neafus; Secretary, Benjamin Austin; Treasurer, William Atkinson; Third Vail, Elisha B. Strong; Second Vail, Rev. Comfort Williams; First Vail, William Johnson; Stewards, Phelps Smith, Ebenezer Watts; Tiler, Elijah Darrow.

The original seal of this Chapter was procured by the Past High Priest William Cobb, May 29, 1822, at a cost of \$5.00. It was the custom of those days to celebrate St. John's Day. This was generally done in conjunction with the members of Wells Lodge. It was not until February 10, 1823, that Hamilton Chapter purchased its first set of robes at a cost of \$260.00.



MATTHEW JAMES STEEL
Our Tiler



In 1828, we are told that the Chapter again came to its place of meeting and Brother Gliddon in writing of the history of this period says: "I suspect that this lodge room was in the old building that formerly stood on the east side of Exchange Street near the canal bridge where the Alling and Cory building is now located, and also that a little further south on the same side of the street, opposite Spring street, Jonathan Child erected a very fine edifice which was called the Model Building and in it was a suite of rooms arranged for Masonic meetings. This, however, was never occupied for Masonic purposes."

The same authority says: "The period known in American history as the days of anti-Masonry was in the year, 1828, hastening to a climax of intense excitement, particularly throughout all this region. No allusion, however, is made to this matter in any of the records of Hamilton Chapter, but we know for a fact that the Companions ceased to meet very soon after the annual election of December 17, 1828."

The charters of Lodge, Chapter and Commandery were surrendered in 1829 or 1830. Although the conflict was fierce and prolonged it did not destroy the institution for the foundation of the Masonic edifice had been too securely laid. Early in January, 1834, an "Address to the Fraternity of Masons in the State of New York" was published in this city strongly recommending "That all the Lodges and Chapters in the State return their charters, dispose of the funds and property on hand to some other benevolent purpose, and let the institution expire in the arms of its members." William Neafus was the only one of the charter members who signed this address.

It was at the Annual Communication of the Grand Chapter in 1846, that "A petition from several Companions, former members of Hamilton Chapter No. 62, praying that the said Chapter may be revived, was read and referred to the standing committee on Warrant. result of this action the committee reported in favor of returning the charter of Hamilton Chapter No. 62, at Rochester, to Companion William Brewster, and the other petitioners, and that they be authorized to hold an election of officers and resume the labors of a Chapter and that all dues be remitted up to that time. Thus Hamilton Chapter started on the second period of her brilliant career of usefulness. William Brewster was elected High Priest; Ebenezer Watts, King; Erastus Cook, Scribe; Luther A. Allen, Secretary, and Charles C. Lathrop, Treasurer.

The succeeding years were periods of great activity and a very substanial increase in membership. At the close of the year 1856, the Chapter was at the flood tide of its prosperity having a membership of 107 members, being the largest Chapter in the state with one exception, that of Buffalo Chapter No. 71, with a membership of 149. In 1859, Hamilton had reached first place in the state with a membership of 175. This record Hamilton

has never allowed to be broken and she still stands to-day the largest Chapter in Capitular Masonry in the State of New York, her present membership being 980.

During all the years that have gone, Hamilton Chapter has been favored with a membership comprising some of the brightest and ablest workers that this state has ever produced.

The regular convocations of this Chapter are held on the second and fourth Thursday evenings of each month.

The present officers of Hamilton Chapter are High Priest, Frederick R. Smith; King, George F. Argetsinger; Scribe, Charles S. Owen; Treasurer, Frederick S. Rogers; Secretary, John Alexander; Captain of Host, Charles J. Gliddon; Principal Sojourner, Ward K. Angevine; Royal Arch Captain, George E. Hatch; Master Third Vail, M. VanValkenburg; Master Second Vail, William C. Smith; Master First Vail, Thomas G. Young; Chaplain, Rev. Samuel J. Clarkson; Sentinel, Matthew J. Steel; Organist, Frederick A. Reynolds; Trustees, S. M. Benjamin, William H. Jones, George F. Loder.

# Ionic Chapter, No. 210, R. A. M.

The first step toward the organization of a second Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Rochester was taken at a meeting of Hamilton Chapter, May 31, 1867, at which meeting a petition headed by William F. Holmes asking the Grand High Priest to issue a dispensation to organize a new Chapter in the city of Rochester was brought up for consideration. On vote, Hamilton Chapter recommended that the dispensation be granted, and on the twenty-second of the following June Seymour H. Stone, Grand High Priest, issued a dispensation to form Ionic Chapter, and in February, 1868, the warrant was granted to Companions William F. Holmes, High Priest, George W. Stebbins, King, and Albert G. Wheeler, Scribe, and their associates, to hold a Chapter at Rochester, in the county of Monroe, to be known as Ionic Chapter. No. 210.

The list of charter members is as follows: William F. Holmes, John McConvill, William S. Thompson, George A. Reynolds, James S. Garlock, Edwin Taylor, H. P. Langworthy, Andrew J. Warner, George W. Stebbins, Chauncey B. Woodworth, William H. Moore, John F. Whitbeck, George N. Deming, Cyrus Beardsley, Andrew J. Ross, Robert Boyd, Maurice Smith, Bernard Heughes, B. Frank Enos, Charles M. St. John, W. Dean Shuart, -William H. Cumings, John W. McElhinney, Fred. Cook, Frank J. Amsden, George Darling, David Copeland, Ir., John T. Vedder, John M. Fisk, Roscius M. Gould, Edwin M. Hurd, Robert Dransfield, Albert G. Wheeler, Levi. S. Fulton, Abram Karnes, Chauncey C. Woodworth, Egbert B. Jennings, John W. Shaw, William H. Gorsline, Alphonso Collins, James Wing, Luther C. Spencer, Samuel N. Oothout, John Barker, William Carson, J. George Baetzel, Charles A. Gardiner, Thomas Leighton, M. Tamblingson.



The following is a list of the Past High Priests of Ionic Chapter: \*William F. Holmes, 1868; \*Albert G. Wheeler, 1869-70-71; \*Hiram Wood, 1872-73; †John D. Robinson, 1874; \*R. K. Gould, 1875; \*E. A. Loder, 1876; †Byron Holly, 1877-78; \*Andrew J. Hatch, 1879; Frank Taylor, 1880; Solomon Wile, 1881; James H. Kelly, 1882; William K. Barlow, 1883; Frank A. Parker, 1884-5; James Braik, 1886; J. W. Kingston, 1887; Thomas Brooks, 1888-89; William A. Sutherland, 1890; John B. Mullan, 1891; J. Livingston Roseboom, 1892; William H. Amos, 1893; William H. Maston, 1894; F. B. Oberst, 1895; S. W. Levis, 1896; Charles L. Yates, 1897; William H. McPhail, 1898; I. A. Wile, 1899; John N. Dowd, 1900; W. J. C. Smith, 1901.

The officers of Ionic Chapter for the present year are: Horace G. Oliver, E. H. P.; William S. Bannard, King; Walter R. Stone, Scribe; Curtis H. Haskin, Secretary; Frank Taylor, Treasurer; William C. Miller, C. of H.; Clifford J. Stothers, P. S.; Phillip J. Peckins, R. A. C.; Asa B. Stone, M. 3d V.; Mathew Billington, M. 2d V.; S. H. McElwee, M. 1st V.; D. S. Poppen, Organist; Thomas Brooks, Sentinel; Council officers, Finance Committee.

# Doric Council, No. 19, R. & S. M.

Doric Council, No, 19, Royal and Select Masters, was organized October 31, 1860, and from its earliest years it has been one of the most prosperous councils of the Cryptic Rite in the State. The work of this Council has always been most favorably known on account of its accuracy and the zeal with which its officers and members have carried on the work during the forty-two years of its history. Its membership at the present time is 311, and last June its present Thrice Illustrious Master was honored by being elected to the highest office in the gift of the Grand Council of the Empire State. This was but a fitting recognition of the many years of distinguished service given by Grand Master Bradt, not only to the work of Doric Council, but to conscientious service in the Grand Council of the State, through all of whose subordinate offices he had served with credit to himself and honor to the Council which he represented.

The following are the officers of Doric Council for the present year: Willard S. Bradt, T. I. M.; Fred. A. Moses, D. M.; Thomas G. Young, I. P. C. of W.; Wallace M. Butler, Treasurer; John Alexander, Recorder; Jefferson Young, C. of G.; John C. Baumer, C. of C.; Edward Schirck, Steward; William C. Smith, Marshal; M. J. Steel, Sentinel; Rev. C. E. Hamilton, Chaplain; D. S. Poppen, Organist; Finance Committee: Frank. B. Goble, Frederick S. Rogers, Ralph T. Olcott.

## Monroe Commandery, No. 12, K. T.

Monroe Commandery, No. 12, Knights Templar, is one of the oldest and best known commanderies not only in the State of New York but also in the United States.

\* Deceased. † Suspended.

The first date in the original record book relating to the organization of Monroe Encampment (old style) of Knights Templar, is June 14, 1826. We find at this early date that in pursuance with a notice given, the Sir Knights assembled in their first regular conclave on the 10th of July, 1826, and completed a permanent organization by the election of the following officers: Rev. Francis H. Cuming, Grand Commander; Jonathan Child, Generalissimo; Abelard Reynolds, Captain-General; Jacob Gould, Prelate; Edward Doyle, Treasurer; Henry B. Willams, Secretary; Simeon P. Allcott, Senior Warden; Ebenezer Watts, Junior Warden; Charles G. Cumings, Standard Bearer; Joseph Frazer, Sword Bearer; Charles C. Lathrop, Warder.

These officers were publicly installed July 13. 1826, the installation ceremonies taking place in St. Luke's Church, on Fitzhugh street, of which Rev. Francis H. Cuming was at that time the rector.

The early history of the Commandery indicates an unusual degree of prosperity, a large number of the most prominent business and professional men having connected themselves with the order very soon after its organization.

There seems to have been no set back in the prosperity of the Commandery until February 27, 1829, at which time the Anti-Masonic excitement was at its height, and the Commandery deemed it for the best interest of all concerned that the warrant of Monroe Encampment should be temporarily surrendered, which was done on the 15th of August, 1839.

Early in the winter of 1847-48, the Sir Knights of Monroe Encampment petitioned the Grand Encampment for a return of their charter and the request was granted, and from January 28, 1848, to the present time, the career of Monroe Commandery has been one of unexampled prosperity in Templar history.

In the work of reorganization, William E. Lathrop took a leading part. and was chosen Commander for a number of consecutive terms.

This Commandery was for many years the largest in membership in the State, and at the present time stands first in membership.

Monroe is a fully uniformed Commandery, and for many years maintained one of the most successful drill corps of any commandery in the United States. This drill corps, under the direction of Past Grand Commander George F. Loder, attained a national reputation for its remarkable skill in drilling.

Monroe has made many pilgrimages to nearly all of the most important Templar gatherings in the State of New York as well as elsewhere. She has also contributed many thousands of dollars to charity in the way of giving exhibition drills for the benefit of Orphan Asylums in other cities, and also in her own beautiful custom of visiting annually on New Year's day, Rochester Orphan Asylum, where large donations have been made of presents as well as substantial cash subscriptions for the purpose

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of making the little people happy. Monroe Commandery was the first Commandery in the United States to inaugurate the custom of visiting the orphans.

Two Sir Knights of Monroe Commandery, Sirs George F. Loder and Simon V. McDowell, have been honored by the highest office in the gift of the Templars of New York State as Grand Commanders of the Grand Commandery of the State.

The following are the Past Commanders of Monroe Commandery No. 12: \*Rev. F. H. Cuming, 1826; \*Edward Doyle, 1827; \*Jonathan Child, 1828; \*William E. Lathrop, 1848-49-50-51-52-53-54-55; \*Carlton Dutton, 1856; \*William F. Holmes, 1857; \*William H. Burtis, 1858-59-60; \*Charles Vaill, 1861; \*Horace Tuller, 1862-63; \*John F. Whitbeck, 1864; \*William B. Crandall, 1865-66; \*Charles W. Watson, 1867-68; \*Francis H. Marshall, 1869-70; †William Shelp, 1871-72; Henry M. Plant, 1873; Simon V. McDowell, 1874; George F. Loder, 1875; W. Lincoln Sage, 1876; †Daniel T. Hunt, 1877; \*John B. Southworth, 1878; William J. McKelvey, 1879; George F. Loder, 1880; \*Fred F. Boorman, 1881; Samuel C. Pierce, 1882; John A. Davis, 1883; Thomas C. Hodgson, 1884; Frank P. Crouch, 1885; Charles H. Bidwell, 1886; John W. Hannan, 1887; John Kane, 1888; J. W. McKelvey, 1889; Frank H. Vick, 1890; Robert Salter, 1891; Charles M. Williams, 1892; Samuel P. Moulthrop, 1893; S. D. W. Cleveland, 1894: Robert W. West, 1895; Richard A. Searing, 1896; Charles H. Mc-Chesney, 1897; John Calder, 1898; Frederick S. Rogers, 1899; Morris F. Clark, 1900; Edward A. Stahlbrodt, 1901; Ezra M. Sparlin, 1902.

The regular Conclaves of Monroe Commandery are held on the first and third Friday evenings of each month. The officers for the present year are as follows: Ezra M. Sparlin, Em. Com.; Frederick R. Smith, Gen.; George F. Loder, P. G. C., Capt. Gen.; Richard A. Searing, P. C., Prelate; Thomas G. Young, Associate Prelate; Fred H. Beach, S. W.; Henry P. Neun, J. W.; Charles H. Carson, Treas.; William J. McKelvey, P. C., Recorder; Sidney E. White, Standard Bearer; Conrad Eckhardt, Sword Bearer; Emil H. Schmidt, W.; Matthew J. Steel, Sen.; Frank H. Dennis, 3rd Guard; Charles M. Colton, 2nd Guard; Fred E. Ward, 1st Guard; Fred A. Reynolds, Organist; John Calder, P. C., Fredrick S. Rogers, P. C., Robert W. West, P. C., Fin. Com.

## Cyrene Commandery No. 39, K. T.

Cyrene Commandery owes its origin to Monroe Commandery, No. 12, of Rochester. At a regular conclave of that body held at Masonic Temple December 21, 1866, it was unanimously resolved: "That this Commandery do recommend the petition praying for a dispensation to establish a new Commandery in this City, and do avouch for the petitioners as being Knights Templar in good standing, ability and character."

\*Deceased. †Suspended.

This resolution culminated in the issuing on the 4th of February, 1867, by R. E. Sir Pearson Mundy, Grand Commander, a dispensation to form Cyrene Commandery to be stationed at Rochester, and the following were John M'Convill, Em. named as its first three officers: Com.; William H. Cumings, Gen.; William Carson, Capt Gen.; with the following Sir Knights as Charter Members: Luther C. Spencer, Charles A. Gardiner, John F. Whitbeck, Abram Karnes, John M'Convill, Harvey P. Langworthy, William H. Cumings, Jessie W. Gifford, William Carson, William H. Gorsline, William S. Thompson, Egbert B. Jennings, William H. Briggs, John B. Wing, James E. Lattimer, George W. Donnelly, Levi S. Fulton, Edwin Taylor, Charles M. St. John, George M. Deming, Andrew J. Warner, John Barker, Chauncey B. Woodworth, George W. Stebbins, W. Dean Shuart, Geo, A. Reynolds, Robert Boyd, John M. Fiske, Cyrus Beardsley, Orrin E. Castle, Charles Vaill, Bernard Hughes.

Of these faithful workers in our glorious cause all have passed over the "great divide" "to the honors and rewards which await the valiant knight," except two, viz.: Robert Boyd and Cyrus Beardsley, who still are members in good standing. The first meetings were held in the Mayor's office, but the first regular Conclave, U. D., was held in their new hall, West Main Street, where Powers Hotel now stands, the present headquarters of the Grand Commandery, on April 11, 1867, when a set of by-laws was adopted, and several petitions received for membership. Weekly Conclaves were held until October 8, 1867, when most eminent Past Grand Master William E. Lathrop, appointed by the R. E. Grand Commander as his proxy, constituted and installed the first officers of Cyrene Commandery, who were as follows: John M'Convill, Em. Com.; William H. Cumings, Gen.; William Carson, Capt. Gen.; John F. Whitbeck, Prelate; Andrew J. Warner, S. W.; Albert J. Warner, J. W.; Abram Karnes, Treas.; Charles M. St. John, Recorder; Bernard Hughes, Standard Bearer; Edwin Taylor, Sword Bearer; Egbert B. Jennings, W.; Luther C. Spencer, William H. Gorsline, William S. Thompson, Guards; Maurice Smith, Sen.

At this Conclave also the Charter was received, bearing date of October 2, 1867. From this time on the new Commandery increased in number and usefulness. It was then, as now, characterized by the quality of its work.

On August 22d of that year, a beautiful Silk Banner was presented to the Commandery by the ladies of the members of the body. The presentation occurred at the mansion of Sir Frederick Cook, East avenue. The banner was received by the Eminent Commander with appropriate remarks, and many expressions of knightly appreciation. In 1878 the Commandery changed its place of meeting to the Masonic Temple, on invitation of the bodies meeting there, and on April 11th a reception was tendered them by the Temple bodies, pleasantly installing them in their new quarters. 1878 was the year of the yellow fever scourge in New York, and appeals for aid for the sufferers met with a hearty response, and a liberal



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subscription was forwarded by Cyrene for their relief. On April 22, 1879, Em. Com. Sir A. J. Hatch presented the Commandery with a handsome set of officers' jewels, which are still used by the Commandery. 1885 was made memorable by the Commandery participating in the corner-stone laying of the new United States Government Building; also in the entertainment of the Grand Commandery which held its annual conclave in the fall of In 1889 it was deemed advisthat year in Rochester. able to change its headquarters to Consistory Hall on West Main street, where unusual accommodations were afforded. On New Year's Day of that year the Commandery visited the Industrial School on Exchange street, cheering the hearts of the little people with delightful entertainment, a bountiful supply of presents, as well as a splendid contribution in money to help in carrying on the work of the institution. These visitations have been continued each New Year's Day since. A disastrous fire occurred in 1892, destroying all the properties of the Commandery, causing a temporary change to the Masonic Tentple, kindly thrown open for its use for a few months until the "work of rebuilding" could be completed. 1894 through the efforts of Past Em. Commanders W. K. Barlow and S. W. Levis saw the Commandery again in possession of a handsome set of silk colors, National ensign and Beauseant. In 1899 the Commandery, on invitation of Palestine Preceptory No. 18, Port Hope, Ontario, made a pilgrimage to that place and was received with marked demonstrations of fraternal friendship and knight-· ly hospitality by their Canadian fraters.

Thus, very briefly stated, is the history of Cyrene Commandery. With a small beginning it has passed through a varied and trying career. It is now in a prosperous and vigorous condition with a bright future before it, having an active membership of something over two hundred, each one of whom is a firm believer in the grand characteristics of the order "Charity and Hospitality."

The officers of Cyrene Commandery for the present year are as follows: John N. Doud, E. C.; William C. Miller, Gen.; John B. Mullan, C. G.; Charles C. J. Bailey, S. W.; Frank W. Sibley, J. W.; H. E. Stott, Standard Bearer; A. B. Stone, Sword Bearer; P. J. Perkins, W.; George McGonegal, 3rd Guard; C. W. Luther, 2nd Guard; A. F. Peo, 1st Guard; C. H. Nicholson, P. C., Prelate; C. H. Haskins, P. C., Treas.; T. R. Peshine, Recorder.

#### A.. A.. Scottish Rite.

#### VALLEY OF ROCHESTER.

The several bodies in the Valley of Rochester, N. Y., acknowledge and yield allegiance to the Supreme Council, 33°, for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, whose Grand East is Boston, Mass., and is in fraternal communication with every legitimate Supreme Council in the world. Its officers are: Henry L. Palmer, 33°, Milwaukee, Wis., Sovereign Grand Commander; Samuel C. Lawrence, 33°, Boston, Mass., Grand

Lieutenant-Commander; Clinton F. Paige, 33°, Binghamton, N. Y., Grand Secretary-General.

The active members of the Supreme Council for the State of New York are: William Homan, 33°, New York City, Deputy for the Supreme Council; Clinton F. Paige, 33°, Binghamton, N. Y.; J. H. Hobart Ward, 33°, New York City; Abel G. Cook, 33°, Syracuse, N. Y.

The various bodies in the Valley of Rochester are: Rochester Lodge of Perfection, which was instituted by Ill. Orrin Welch, 33°, Deputy for New York, at Masonic Hall, February 24, 1866; Rochester Council of Princes of Jerusalem, instituted in 1868, and Rochester Chapter of Rose-Croix, organized April 30, 1866, and Rochester Consistory, S. P. R. S., organized April 30, 1866.

The charter members of Rochester Consistory were: \*William E. Lathrop, \*George W. Stebbins, \*George W. Aldridge, \*Francis H. Marshall, \*William H. Gorsline, \*Charles W. Watson, John T. Fox, \*Frank H. Crafts, \*Jeffrey W. Vary, \*William S. Thompson, \*John F. Whitbeck, \*William B. Crandall, †Martin Taylor, James H. Gould, \*William Carson, \*Luther J. W. Vary, \*John Boyce, \*Samuel C. Steele, †William R. Dryer, \*John Lutes, ‡Walter W. Jerome.

The following are the officers of the various co-ordinate bodies for the present year:

#### ROCHESTER LODGE OF PERFECTION.

John B. Colman 33°, T. P. Gr. Master; George F. Archibald, H. of T., Dep. Gr. M.; John G. Allen 33°, Ven. Sen. Gr. Warden; John C. Baumer, Ven. Jun. Gr. Warden; Rev. Murray Bartlett, Gr. Orator; Harry S. Woodworth, Gr. Treasurer; Frank B. Goble 33°, Gr. Secretary; George E. Hatch, Gr. Master of C.; Edward Stahlbrodt, Gr. Capt. of G.; Eli Leavenworth, Gr. Hospitaler; James A. Raynsford, Gr. Tiler; Fred. A. Reynolds, Gr. Organist; Thomas Brooks 33°, Member Gen. Com.; Harrie R. Kennedy, Curtis H. Haskin, Lewis Sunderlin, Trustees.

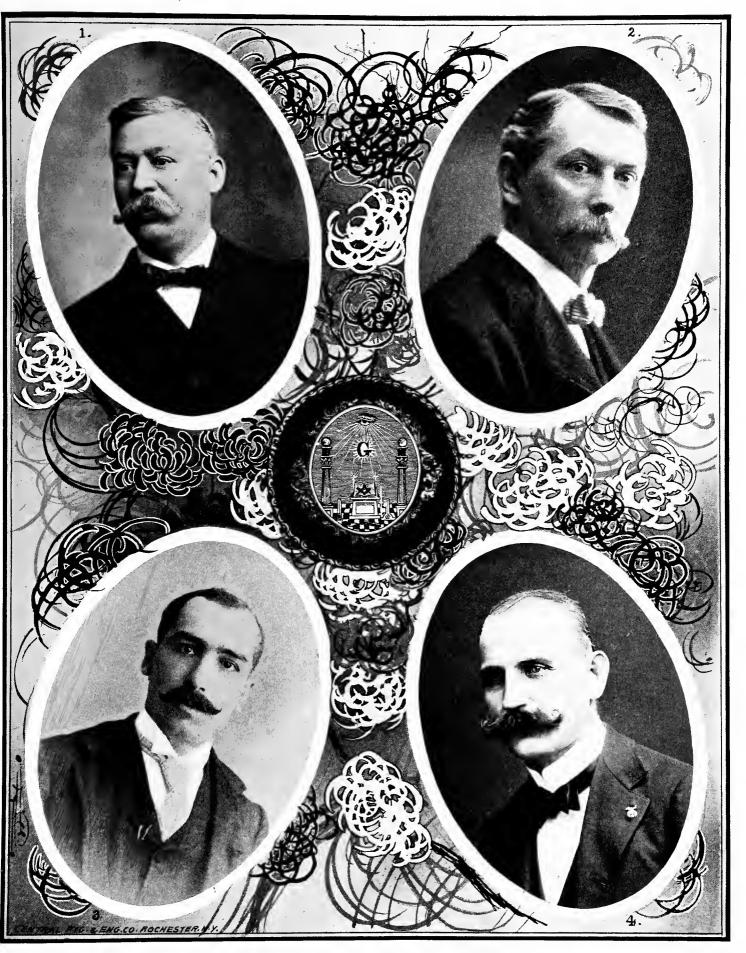
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Past Ill. Commanders-in-Chief: \*William E. Lathrop, 1866-71; Otis Cole, 33°, 1872-77; William Lincoln Sage, 33°, 1878-80; William G. Raines, 1881-86; Simon V. McDowell, 33°, 1887-92; Rev. Warren C. Hubbard, 33°, 1893-95; George H. Clarke, 33°, 1896-1901.

Past Most Wise and Perfect Masters: \*John F. Whitbeck, 1866-68; \*William B. Crandall, 1869; Otis Cole, 33°, 1870; \*George W. Aldridge, 33°, 1871; †David K. Cartter, 1872; \*P. Strong Wilson, 1873-75; Rev. Asa Saxe, 1876; William G. Raines, 1877-79; ‡Albert G. Warner, 1880-83; †Robert C. Titus, 33°, 1884; Thomas Brooks, 33°, 1885-87; William A. Sutherland, 33°, 1888-91; John G. Allen, 33°, 1892; Alfred G. Wright, 33°, 1893; George H. Clarke, 33°, 1894; Frank H. Vick, 33°, 1895; J. Hungerford Smith, 33°, 1896; Charles P. Lyon, 1897; George F. Crosman, 33°, 1898; Rev. Frederick S. Parkhurst, 1899; John B. Colman, 33°, 1900-01.

Past Sovereign Prince Grand Masters: \*George W. Aldridge, 33°, 1868-69; ‡George M. Elwood, 1870; ‡David K. Cartter, 1871; ‡Andrew J. Warner, 1872; Cortland Avery, 1873-75-81-83-84; \*Edward E. Blyth, 1874; Wm. Lincoln Sage, 33°, 1882; George H. Clarke, 33°, 1885; ‡Charles R. Pratt, 1886; \*Isaiah S. Emery, 1887; Thomas Brooks, 33°, 1888-91; ‡George W. Parshall, 1892; †Aldice G. Warren, 1893-94; J. Hungerford Smith, 33°, 1895; John B. Colman, 33°, 1896-98; Charles A. Dunham, 1899; Henry M. Plant, 1900; Fred. A. Moses, 1901.

Past Thrice Potent Grand Masters: \*George W. Stebbins, 1866-68; \*George W. Aldridge, 33°, 1869-70; \*P. Strong Wilson, 1871-72; \*William Shelp, 1873-74-84; William H. Whiting, 1875-83; John A. Davis, 1885-88;

\*Deceased. † Withdrawn. ‡ Not now a member.

George H. Clarke, 33°, 1889; Frank H. Goble, 33°, 1890-91; Thomas Brooks, 33°, 1892-94; George F. Crosman, 33°, 1895-96; Norman F. Haskell, 1897-99; Herbert Leary, 1900-1901.

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William E. Lathrop, 1866-71; Otis Cole, 1872-77; Wm. Lincoln Sage, 1878-80; William G. Raines, 1881-86; Simon V. McDowell, 1887-92; Rev. W. C. Hubbard, 1893-95; George H. Clarke, 1896-01; Thomas Brooks, 1902-04.

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Received Degree Inspector-General: Otis Cole, May 19, 1866; \*George W. Aldridge, June, 1870; \*James Mc-Credie, Sept. 20, 1872; \*John Lutes, Nov. 14, 1873; ‡John L. Sage, Nov. 14, 1873; \*August M. Koeth, Sept. 19, 1877; \*John Hodge, Sept. 16, 1879; W. Lincoln Sage, (Boston, Mass.) Sept. 20, 1881; \$John N. Macomb, (Lawrence, Kan.) Sept. 19, 1882; \*Samuel C. Steele, Sept. 23, 1884; \*Thomas Gliddon, Sept. 15, 1885; William A. Brodie, (Geneseo) Sept. 15, 1885; \*Benjamin Flagler, Sept. 15, 1885; †Rev. Foster Ely, Sept. 14, 1886; Simon V. McDowell, Sept. 18, 1888; George McGown, (Palmyra) Sept. 18, 1888; George H. Clarke, Sept. 17, 1889; Rev. W. C. Hubbard, (New York City) Sept. 17, 1889; †\*David F. Day, Sept. 15, 1891; Alfred G. Wright, Sept. 20, 1892; William A. Sutherland, Sept. 19, 1893; Frank B. Goble, Sept. 18, 1894; George A. Newell, (Medina) Sept. 17, 1895; Frank H. Vick, (New York City) Sept. 17, 1895; J. Hungerford Smith, Sept. 15, 1896; Marvin I. Greenwood, (Newark) Sept. 15, 1896; Thomas Brooks, September 20, 1898; John G. Allen, Sept. 19, 1899; John B. Colman, Sept. 18, 1900; George F. Crosman, Sept. 17, 1901.

## Classification of the Grades.

#### FIRST SERIES.

Symbolic Degrees: 1, Entered Apprentice; 2, Fellowcraft; 3, Master Mason. Conferred in a regular lodge of Ancient Craft Masons, duly constituted by charter or warrant of some recognized Grand Lodge.

#### SECOND SERIES.

Ineffable Grades Conferred in Rochester Lodge of Perfection: 4, Secret Master; 5, Perfect Master; 6, Intimate Secretary; 7, Provost and Judge; 8, Intendent of the Building; 9, Master Elect of Nine; 10, Master Elect of Fifteen; 11, Sublime Master Elect; 12, Grand Master Architect; 13, Master of the Ninth Arch; 14, Grand Elect Mason.

#### THIRD SERIES.

Historical and Traditional Grades conferred in Rochester Council of Princes of Jersusalem: 15, Knight of the East or Sword; 16, Prince of Jerusalem.

\*Deceased. | Withdrawn. ‡ Not now a member. § Removed from the Northern Jurisdiction.

# Masonic Fair Association Members



Frederick R. Smith



Charles S. Owen



Charles H. Crouch



M. H. VanBergh



Frank H. Dennis



Herbert S. Jenner



Frederick Seitz



#### FOURTH SERIES.

Philosophical and Doctrinal Grades conferred in Rochester Chapter of Rose-Croix: 17, Knight of the East and West; 18, Knight of the Rose-Croix de H-R-D-M.

#### FIFTH SERIES.

Philosophical and Chivalric Grades conferred in Rochester Consistory S. P. R. S.: 19, Grand Pontiff; 20, Master ad vitam; 21, Patriarch Noachite; 22, Prince of Libanus; 23, Chief of the Tabernacle; 24, Prince of the Tabernacle; 25, Knight of the Brazen Serpent; 26, Prince of Mercy; 27, Commander of the Temple; 28, Knight of the Sun; 29, Knight of St. Andrew; 30, Grand Elect Knight Kadosh; 31, Grand Inspector Inquisitor Commander; 32, Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret.

#### SIXTH SERIES.

Official Grade: 33, Sovereign Grand Inspector-General. Conferred by the Supreme Council, 33°, is executive in its character, and only conferred as an honorary or official degree on those who have, by long and arduous service in the Masonic vineyard, attained distinction.

#### TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS.

Lodge, 420; Council, 493; Chapter, 518; Consistory, 522.

The Annual Convocation of Rochester Council of Princes of Jerusalem will be held on Wednesday evening, January 14, 1903.

The Annual Communication of Rochester Lodge of Perfection will be held on Wednesday evening, February 25, 1903.

The Annual Assemblage of Rochester Chapter of Rose-Croix will be held on Wednesday evening, May 13 1903.

## Damascus Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S.

Damascus Temple was founded October 21, 1874, chartered June 7, 1876. The following brief sketch, written by the present Potentate of Damascus Temple will be of interest to local Shriners:

Damascus Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., Oasis of Rochester, N. Y., is the oldest working Temple in the United States or Canada! It is, and by the virtue of the following facts:

The present Potentate, in the year 1873, wrote to Walter M. Fleming of New York City, asking if he had any ritual or scheme that would do to organize a Social body for Knights Templar for fun, recreation, etc. His reply was he had, and when we visited New York we called on him a few weeks after and with four or five others we were duly obligated Shriners, and with this nucleus formed Mecca Temple of New York City. After returning home a week or so later, we organized Damascus Temple, No. 2, with the following members: (The Temples were first to be numbered, but afterwards the numbers were omitted.)

\*W. H. Bosworth, \*James Logan, Dan'l T. Hunt, J. L. Brewster, \*D.W. Gotens, \*Geo. Hamblett, G. F. Loder, S. R. Carter, W. H. Whiting, \*Owns Williams, Eli Leavenworth, H. M. Plant, \*C. A. Brady, Abe H. Vanderberg, Wm. Davis and R. W. West.

Charter dated seventh day of June, 1876. Walter M. Fleming, Imperial Potentate; William J. Paterson, Imperial Recorder.

Damascus Temple proceeded at once to work with such assistance in paragraphs as Ill. Noble Paterson, the Illustrious Recorder, sent us, and did work with robes and other paraphernalia as was found necessary, and all forms of ceremonies were original with us, having no ritual or coacher, and the same is being used to-day.

Eighteen months later, while W. J. Florence was filling a professional engagement at one of the theaters, Damascus Temple invited W. M. Fleming and W. J. Paterson to come to Rochester and see Damascus Temple confer the order. They accepted, and were present when we conferred the Shrine degree in the afternoon in old Concert Hall, State st., on J. Clinton Hall, a stock actor at the Opera House.

The records show that Walter M. Fleming, W. J. Florence and W. J. Patterson and about fifty other nobles were present, October 12, 1875. Damascus Templethen had a membership of 138. At the banquet which followed, two Shrine badges were presented (having the bar instead of the scimiter as now, made of two tiger claws, and the first ever made.) One was presented to W. J. Florence, and the other to W. M. Fleming. Our New York Nobles said at the banquet, "There is something good about this Shrine work, and we will go home and start Mecca Temple booming."

These, Nobles, are the *cold facts* of how the Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine started in this country. Damascus does not claim it originated the Order but knows that if she had not "pushed hard" possibly no Shrine would ever have been known of, and from five Nobles in 1874 the order has increased to about 50,000. "Allah be praised!"

The Imperial Council was duly formed soon after this with Mecca, Damascus and Mt. Sinai Temple, Montpelier, Vermont. Damascus did not receive its charter until about two years afterwards.

The present Potentate of Damascus Temple, now serving his twenty-eighth year as Potentate, was Deputy Imperial Potentate of the Imperial Council for nine years, and by his assistance other Temples were organized and the Order made the grand success that it is to-day.

The stated services of Damascus Temple are held at 104 Reynolds Arcade, second Wednesday in each month. The annual service for the election of officers will be held December 10, 1902.

The following are the officers of Damascus Temple for the present year: George F. Loder, Ill. Potentate; F. R. Smith, Ill. Chief Rabban; Cortland Avery, Ill. Asst.

\* Names starred have since died.



2 E. T. OTIS, Treasurer 4 A. C. BOSTWICK

1 W. C. SMITH, Chairman 5 JAMES LENNOX

W. K. ANGEVINE, Secretary
6 M. E. LEARY



Rabban; Thomas Brooks, İll. High Priest and Prophet; P. Kurtz Hill, Ill. Oriental Guide; A. A. Mosher, Ill. Treasurer; John Calder, Ill. Recorder; S. B. Williams, Treasurer Sinking Fund.

Ill. Noble Charles H. Carson, Director; Ill. Noble Ed. C. Way, Marshall; Ill. Noble George F. Argetsinger, Capt. of Guard; Ill. Noble Conrad Eckhardt, 1st Ceremonial Master; Ill. Noble C. L. Ball, 2d Ceremonial Master; Ill. Noble William H. Lewis, Master of Prop.; Ill. Noble D. E. Phillips, Outer Guard; Ill. Noble E. H. Schmidt, Alchemist and Electrician; George Hearn, Asst.; Ill. Noble F. A. Reynolds, Organist and Musical Director.

Chanters: Ill. Nobles John Louret, W. H. Learned, J. W. Singleton, W. W. Spragge, G. J. Oaks, George W. Miller, M. Van Valkenburg.

Orchestra and Brass Band: J. J. Karle, W. Karle, J. Creelman, William H. Vicinus, F. Zeitler, F. W. Judson, H. G. Sauer.

Finance Committee: S. B. Williams.

Trustees: George F. Loder, W. H. Jones, W. S. Smith.

Arabs Patrol: Nobles Carson, Calder, Grohs, Ball, Judson, Clarke, Mosher, Greenberg, Eckhardt, F. R. Smith, W. C. Smith, C. R. Webster.

# The New Masonic Temple.

Masons are builders. Tradition and teaching inspire in them a wish for a home adapted to their needs. As early as 1826 Hamilton Chapter took action looking toward owning such a home. The following resolution was adopted, viz:

"Resolved—That Companions Ira West and Gideon Candee be a committee to confer with the committee appointed by Wells Lodge, also with the Trustees of School District No. 2, in the Town of Gates, and to report at the next regular convocation, upon the expediency of erecting a Masonic Hall."

May 23d, 1827, Robert Martin, Philip Smith and Abelard Reynolds were appointed a building committee.

Oct. 4th, 1827, Jacob Gould, Bill Colby and C. G. Cummings were appointed to confer with Messrs. Cuyler and Stebbins on procuring a suitable Masonic Hall.

Nothing tangible appears to have been done. From that time until now the hope of building a Masonic Temple has abided with the brethren. From time to time action has been taken, committees appointed, plans made, money raised. At one time an act of the Legislature was procured especially incorporating the "Masonic Temple Association of the City of Rochester, N. Y.," Chapter 433, Laws of 1894.

That hope, long deferred, is now realized.

Brother William A. MacCallum of Rochester Lodge, and Brother J. C. McNab of Valley Lodge, made an informal canvass of such brethren as they chanced to

meet. They found much to encourage the belief that the accepted time had come.

Monroe Commandery was in urgent need of enlarged accommodations.

An extension of the lease of the so-called Temple, preliminary to making changes getting more room was proposed. Action must be taken at once or deferred for a series of years.

On December 5th, 1899, Yonnondio Lodge appointed a committee to canvass its members for stock in the new Masonic Temple. All the other lodges did likewise. The following committees were appointed:

Valley Lodge—J. C. McNab, J. C. Wilson, H. S. Jenner, H. B. Guilford, L. C. Piper, C. S. Owen, W. E. Webb, A. J. Phelps, C. B. Rebasz, Fred S. Rogers.

Yonnondio Lodge—Fredk. R. Smith, Geo. A. Benton, S. B. Williams, R. A. Searing, Louis N. Stein, Wm. Eastwood, J. B. Colman, W. J. McKelvey, Geo. W. Ingmire, Fred G. Sweet, John Calder, Theo. S. Pulver, Andrew Ludolph.

Genesee Falls Lodge—C. M. Colton, C. E. Hedges, C. U. Bastable, J. C. Robertson, W. J. Baxendale, J. F. Engel, Geo. F. Roth, E. E. Boynton, H. G. Sauer, F. H. Dennis, C. F. Lippincott, C. N. Pratt, R. Williamson, I. C. Edington, M. B. Turpin, B. F. East, P. C. Shutt, J. S. Vick.

Rochester Lodge—Geo. Bown, W. A. MacCallum, H. S. Mackie, W. P. Couch, Isaac Wile, Frank Taylor, Thos. W. Shannon, C. H. Haskins, E. J. Lathrop, Guilford R. Adams, Michael J. Lynn, Geo. H. White.

Lawrence Lodge—Harry S. Woodworth, Geo. F. Crosman, Geo. H. Clarke.

Germania Lodge—John Fricker, Wm. Karle, F. C. Seitz, Edward Deusing, Wm. H. Hahle, Sigmond Handler. Corinthian Temple Lodge—Ralph T. Olcott, Harvey B. Carlton, J. S. Briggs.

A more systematic canvass of the lodges was now instituted, and prosecuted with so much success that we became convinced that the Temple would be built. Accordingly the stockholders were called together in Old St. Paul's Church, known as Damascus Temple Annex, and by Damascus Temple tendered for the occasion.

The organization was perfected and the corporation formed in June, 1900. In form we are a business corporation, organized under the Laws of the State of New York. The number of directors is thirteen, as many as the law allows. There is also an Advisory Board of one for each one hundred members of each lodge, together with the official head of each Masonic or quasi-Masonic body which is a prospective tenant of the Temple. While for some legal purposes the action of the Board of Directors as such is necessary, practically the Directors and Advisory Board sit as one and form the Governing Board of the Temple. The following Directors and Advisory Board were elected May 28, 1900:

Directors—Geo. A. Benton, H. H. Edgerton, Geo. F. Roth, H. S. Jenner, Fred. R. Smith, S. B. Williams, F. C.



# Valley Lodge, No. 109, F. & A. M.

# Instituted June 8, 1846

# COMMUNICATIONS FIRST AND THIRD MONDAYS



# (DEC)

# Officers

HARRY B. GUILFORD Master CHARLES H. McDERMOTT Senior Warden IOHN McKIE Junior Warden MAURICE LEYDEN . Treasurer CLIFTON C. GIFFORD Secretary FREDERICK B. LYDDON Senior Deacon GEORGE W. COOPER Iunior Deacon FRANK H. MOSHER S. M. C. THOMAS J. WATSON J. M. C. Frank C. Brown WALTER D. McDowell Stewards FRANK S. NEELY REV. CHARLES E. HAMILTON Chaplains THOMAS G. YOUNG REV. JOSEPH VITALE HARRY R. NETTLETON Marshal M. JAMES STEEL Tiler



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Moss Mosely, Thomas G. Young, Charles
S. Owen, . . . . . Trustees

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Assistant Tiler

. Assistant Organist

Organist

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Mrs. J. L. Randall
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Miss K. Jones
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Mrs. H. S. Jenner
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Miss Florence Jordan
Miss Jennie Hanna

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Malling, J. A. Robertson, Frank Taylor, H. W. Goetzmann, Chas. Vogel, E. E. Almy, Chas. S. Baker.

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They organized by the election of George A. Benton, President; H. H. Edgerton, Vice-President; S. B. Williams, Treasurer; Louis N. Stein, Secretary. The collection of the subscriptions was now begun, and soliciting subscriptions continued. The services of William H. Learned were secured. By the generosity and courtesy of the Trustees of the Rochester Fire Department Association desk, room was given us at No. 810 Powers Building. Mr. Learned is found there daily from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m.

Committees on Site and Plans were appointed on Oct. 15th, 1900, as follows:

Committee on Site—Chas. S. Baker, Geo. F. Roth, J. A. Robertson, Frank Taylor, Chas. Vogel, F. S. Rogers, J. F. Engel, Geo. W. Aldridge, S. P. Bancroft.

Committee on Plans—H. H. Edgerton, Fred. R. Smith, H. W. Goetzmann, H. S. Jenner, E. E. Almy, F. H. Beach, F. S. Stebbins, J. Hungerford Smith, S. Handler.

It was realized that there must be a difference of opinion upon the site, but it was determined that wherever the majority deemed the best site there all would concur. A very large number of sites were offered.

After careful investigation on December 28th, 1900, by vote of fourteen to twenty-six, the lot, 100 x 165, at the corner of Clinton Avenue North and Mortimer Street, (known as the Watson Homestead,) was chosen. Upon motion to make the choice unanimous every man answered ave as his name was called.

Thus this site became the unanimous choice of the fraternity. Let it so remain forever. Time will more and more indicate the wisdom of the choice. The purchase price was \$40,000, paid in cash \$18,000 and in stock \$22,000. We are under great and lasting obligations to James S. Watson, Granger A. Hollister, Elizabeth C. Watson and Isabelle W. Hollister for their generous treatment of the fraternity.

The Plans Committee invited competition among the brethren. A number of plans were submitted. They were most carefully examined in detail and those of J. Mills Platt were chosen on March 18th, 1900. Leon Stern was associated with him.

Finance Committee was appointed on October 15th, 1900, as follows:

Finance Committee—S. B. Williams, H. W. Goetzmann, F. C. Malling, H. H. Edgerton, J. A. Robertson, Frank Taylor, Chas. Vogel, E. E. Almy, Geo. F. Roth, J. C.

Wilson, L. N. Stein, I. A. Wile, H. B. Carlton, H. D. Stone, Wm. Karle.

It has continued with but little change. To be successful good financiering was and is the absolute requisite. At the outset the determination was formed, and has been rigidly adhered to, that all the money subscribed must be sacredly devoted to building purposes. We will on no account depart from this policy.

Necessarily there are expenses for incorporation, books, stationery, printing, clerk hire, postage, revenue stamps, etc. The expense of incorporation was met by the lodges. From the sale of old buildings, interest on our funds, profits on the sale of buttons, souvenir trowels, etc., the other expenses have been and will be met. All the Governing Board serve without recompense. The Finance Committee meet every Wednesday, and have devoted a very great amount of time to their duties with gratifying success.

The first annual meeting of the stockholders was held on May 28th, 1901, at Damascus Temple Annex, donated as before, and resulted in the election of the following:

Governing Board—Geo. A. Benton, H. H. Edgerton, Geo. F. Roth, H. S. Jenner, Fred. R. Smith, S. B. Williams, F. C. Malling, J. A. Robertson, Frank Taylor, H. W. Goetzmann, Chas. Vogel, E. E. Almy, Chas. S. Baker, F. S. Rogers, W. H. Vicinus, C. S. Owen, F. H. Beach, J. C. Wilson, Geo. W. Aldridge, Geo. F. Argetsinger, S. P. Bancroft, Jos. A. Crane, L. N. Stein, M. H. VanBergh, W. H. Marson, C. H. Carson, J. B. Colman, W. J. Baxendale, J. F. Engel, C. E. Hedges, C. N. Pratt, H. G. Sauer, F. H. Dennis, Jos. S. Vick, F. S. Stebbins, H. G. Oliver, Geo. E. Hatch, D. M. Garson, C. D. Tuke, J. W. Taylor, A. E. Sutherland, W. A. MacCallum, I. A. Wile, F. C. Seitz, S. Handler, John Fricker, F. D. Morgan, C. H. Crouch, J. Hungerford Smith, W. A. Sutherland.

The Board organized by electing George A. Benton, President; Henry W. Goetzmann, Vice-President; S. B. Williams, Treasurer; Louis N. Stein, Secretary. The Finance Committee was continued as follows: S. B. Williams, H. W. Goetzmann, F. C. Malling, H. S. Jenner, J. A. Robertson, Chas. Vogel, E. E. Almy, F. H. Dennis, W. A. MacCallum, Jos. Engel, Jos. A. Crane, J. C. Wilson, L. N. Stein, I. A. Wile, John Fricker. On June 3d, 1901, the following Building Committee was appointed: F. C. Malling, H. W. Goetzmann, E. E. Almy, Chas. S. Baker, H. S. Jenner, Fred'k R. Smith, Jno. A. Robertson, Geo. F. Roth, M. H. VanBergh, C. N. Pratt, S. Handler, F. S. Stebbins, H. G. Sauer, J. Hungerford Smith, F. D. Morgan. The Committee at once set to work to secure responsible informal bids for the work.

Ground was broken August 27th, 1901. A bag of earth from the North East corner to be used for Masonic purposes was shovelled by George F. Loder. The Governing Board after the invocation by F. S. Stebbins broke ground and loaded two wagons. A large number of the Brethren, with glad and hopeful hearts, witnessed the beginning of the actual work of building. A series of



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five views was taken upon this occasion. They may be had of Messrs. Webster and Albee.

The completed structure, furnishing, cost of lot, and equipment, means an outlay upwards of \$250,000. The task undertaken is not small, but it has never been underrated. The need is urgent, the recompense great. We build for generations to come a monument of the loyalty of the brethren of this age to an ancient and honorable order.

There has been no deviation from the course marked out at the beginning. Everything has proceeded satisfactorily. Much has been done, much remains to be done.

Now, my brother, a personal word with you. Have you done your full share of this great and gratifying work? It is as much your work as that of any brother. The building will be the headquarters of Masonry, not only in Rochester, but for the whole of the Thirty-Third Masonic District, and even beyond. Are you a subscriber? If not it is high time that you become one. When the stockholders' names are emblazoned upon the walls of the Temple surely your name should be among them! There are very few indeed among the fraternity who cannot pay \$10-in ten months. Many intend to increase their subscriptions. Duty and loyalty urge you to do this for the noblest order among men. It will pay you if you never get a money dividend. Yet the indications are that it will be better than a Savings Bank investment. There is an active demand for rentals in the building at paying rates. We do not anticipate any difficulty in renting all available space.

October 5th, 1901, the stock subscriptions amounted to \$116,450.00, and the number of stockholders is 1,925. The fraternity can and should build the entire building without bonds or mortgages upon it.

#### Hall.

The building of the Temple is assured. Its dimensions are 100 feet each way and 100 feet in height above the water table. Ground to the west, 65 x 109, is reserved It depends upon the stock subscriptions for a hall. whether or not this be done. It should certainly be done for two reasons. 1st, It is needed. 2d, It will pay. Heat, light and attendance must be provided for the Temple. The additional cost for the hall will be very small. The lobby, entrance, ticket office, check room and bicycle room and other conveniences are already in the main building. The hall would be entirely an auditorium. It should be made by far the finest and most attractive in Rochester, to be the social headquarters for receptions, parties, balls, concerts, lectures, etc. It will be large enough for substantially all conventions that come to Rochester. The fraternity need such a hall for their general gatherings, now becoming more frequent, and for the large banquets. The Commanderies need it for drilling. The roof could be of asphalt and would be the very best of drill places during the summer months, as

well as providing a fine roof garden. Monroe Commandery alone should, if necessary, build such a hall for its own needs. It will cost about \$35,000, and should pay fifteen per cent. on its cost. Therefore the stockholders should build it to make their stock pay better. Rochester needs such a hall. The iron and brick work on the east is already provided for in the Temple. Brethren shall we not, after building the Temple, or better along with it, build the hall? Subscriptions may be conditioned on building the hall.

#### Stockholders Room.

A room is provided on the second floor, with ample accommodations, where our stockholders from out of town may go with their wives and children, be at home, rest and refresh themselves and have their parcels sent.

#### Museum.

There is also a room on this floor (second) designed to exhibit interesting relics and curiosities, both Masonic and otherwise. It is hoped that many such may be donated so that this may be the nucleus of a museum. We will be pleased to receive such from now on.

#### Memorials.

We would perpetuate the memory of our honored dead by suitable memorials. The opportunity is afforded friends, families and lodges to put a window or other memorial in the building in remembrance of those who have worthily sustained the good name of our ancient craft, but action must be taken without too much delay.

# Lodge Rooms.

The lodge rooms are lofty, large and well ventilated. The Sturtevant system of ventilation will enable us to maintain them at any required temperature and keep the air pure and fresh. We have a Middle Chamber approached across a porch up three, five and seven steps, and through an inner and outer door.

# Masonic Club.

The entire third floor is adapted for the use of a club. The club organization is separate from the building corporation. The club will rent the floor, furnish it and run its own affairs. Applicants must be stockholders and Master Masons in good standing. We hope for a very large membership, and that very many non-resident Masons may become members. Especially for such we have planned several small rooms which may be used for business purposes, and in which business appointments may be made. It is hoped that business men from Syracuse to Buffalo, and from the lake to the Pennsylvania line, may find it pleasant and profitable to belong to this



### Yonnondio Lodge, No. 163, F. & A. M.

Instituted June 21, 1850 Incorporated February 17, 1870

#### COMMUNICATIONS FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAYS



#### Officers

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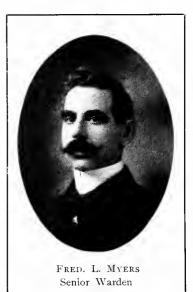
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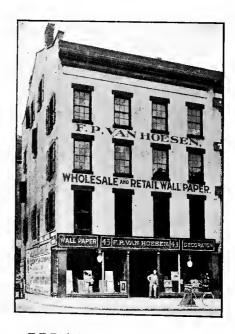
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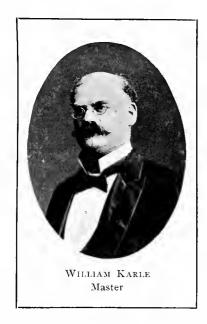
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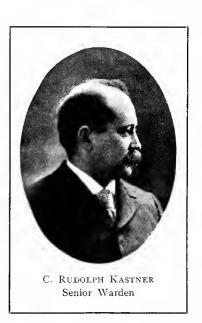
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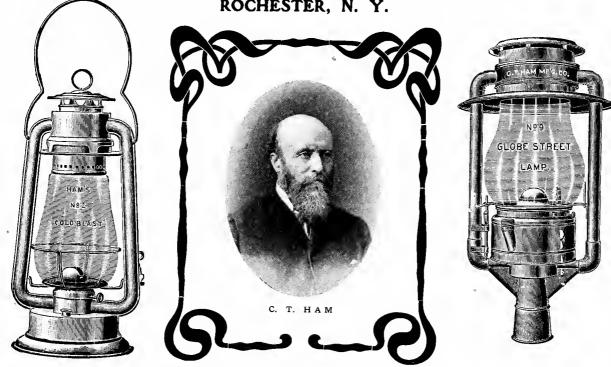
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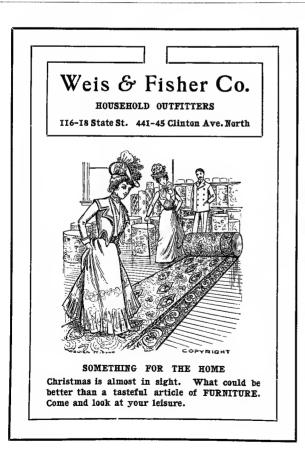
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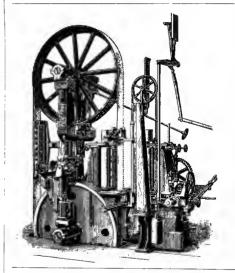
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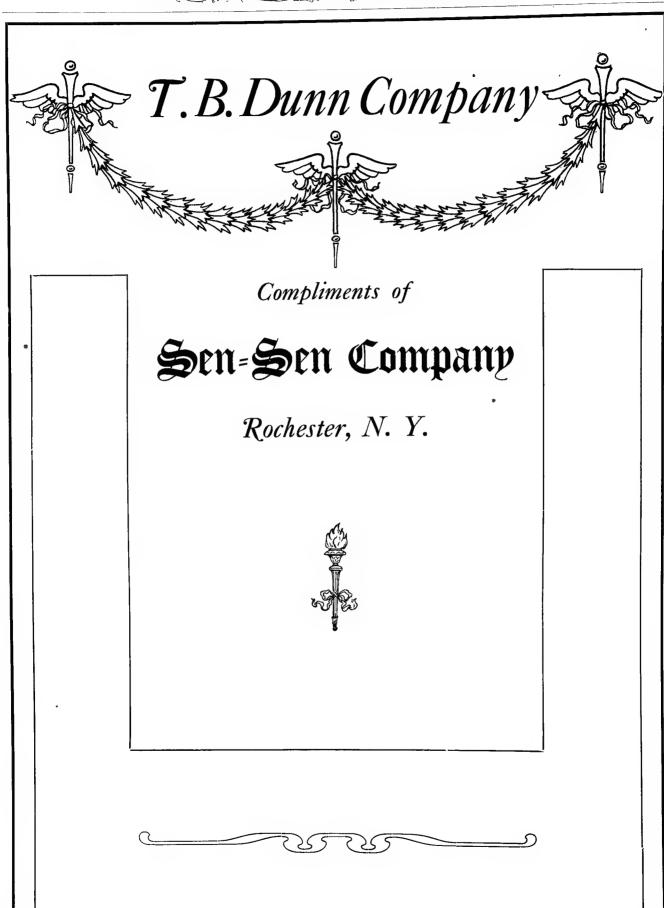
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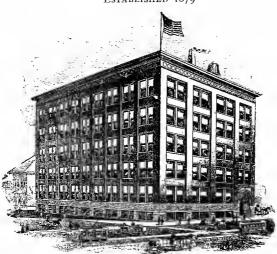
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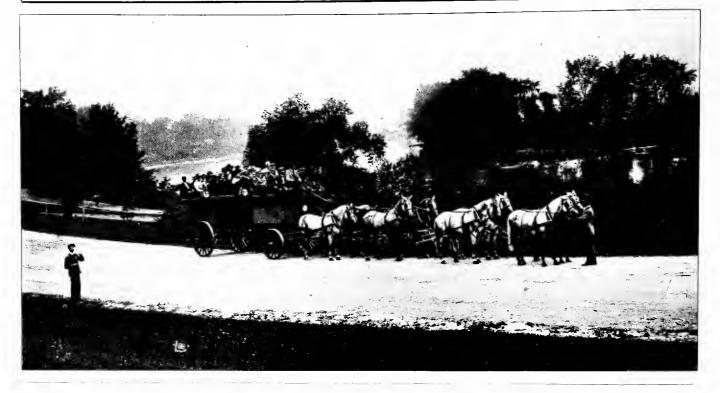
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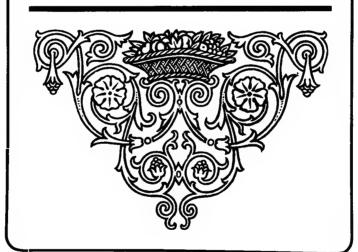
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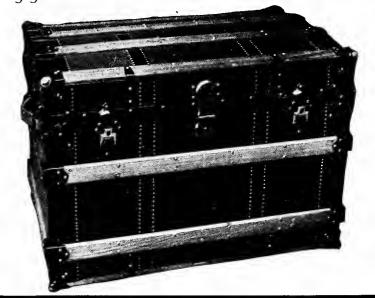
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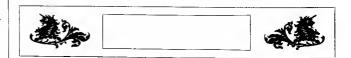
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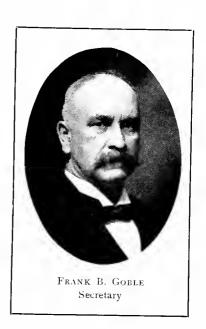
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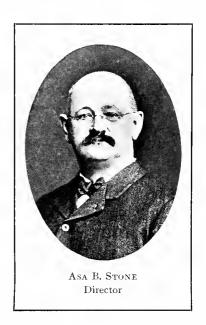
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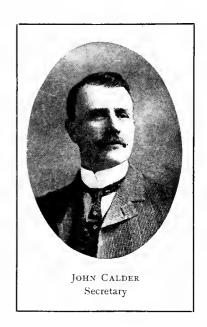


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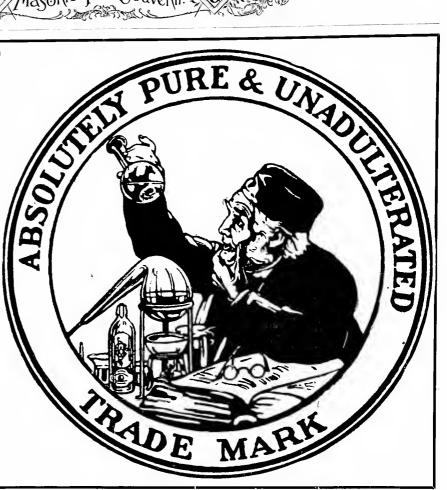
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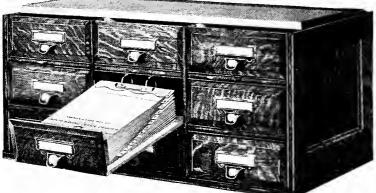


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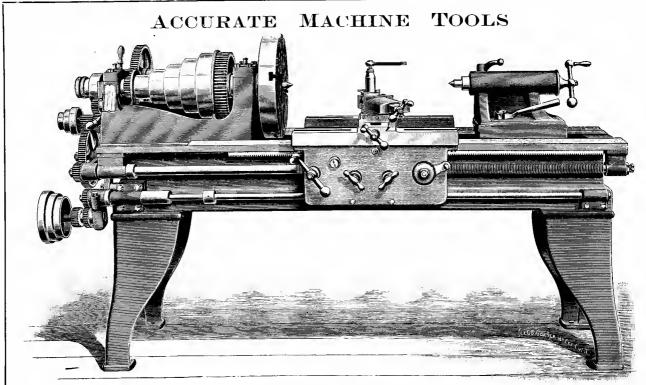


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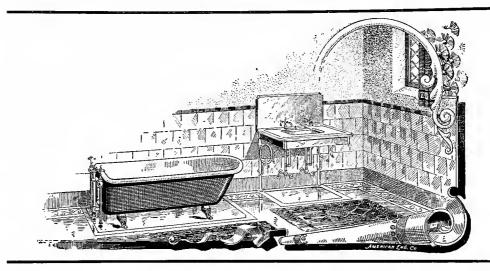


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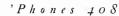


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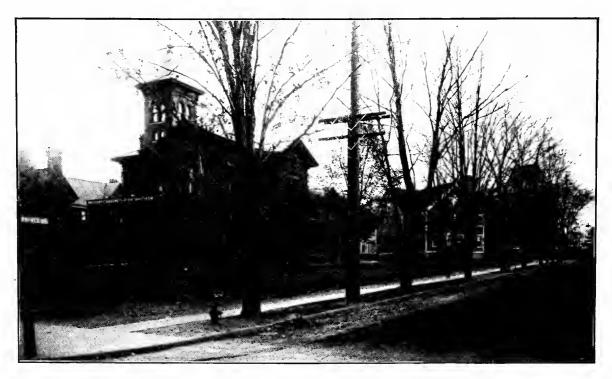
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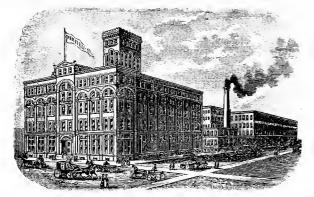


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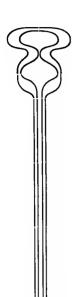
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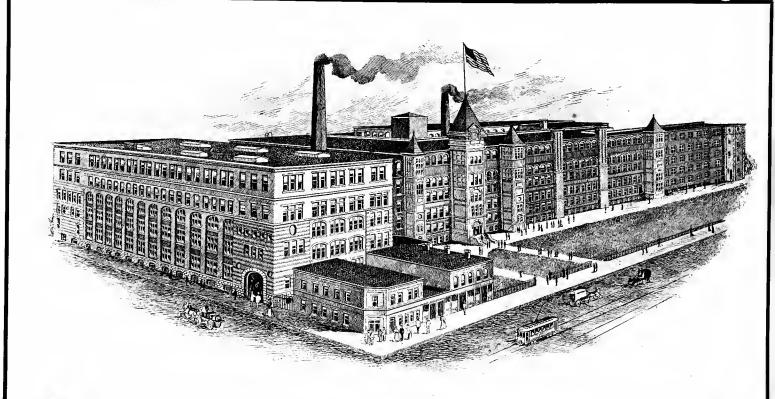
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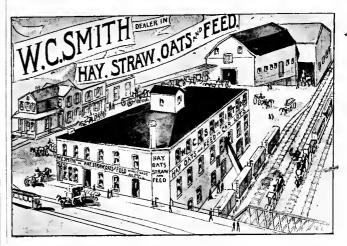
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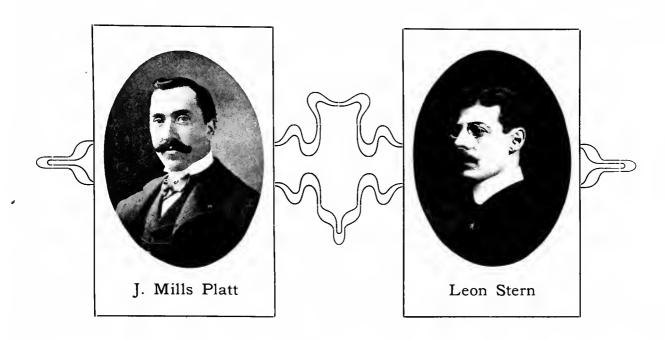
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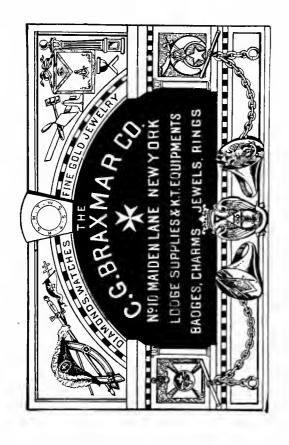
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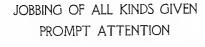
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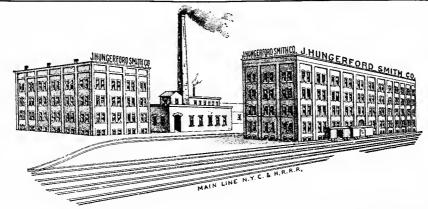
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