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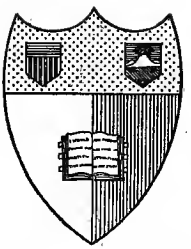

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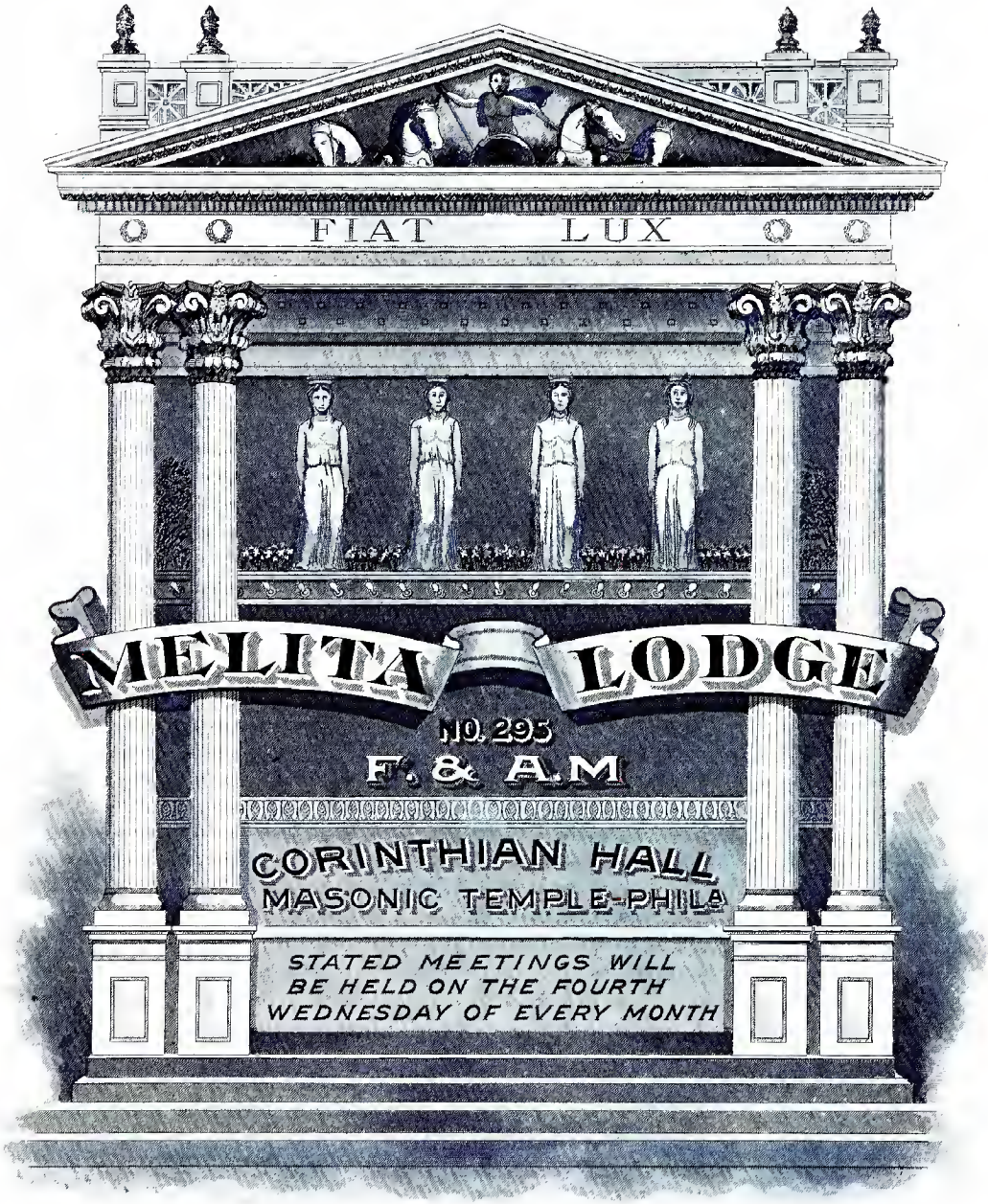
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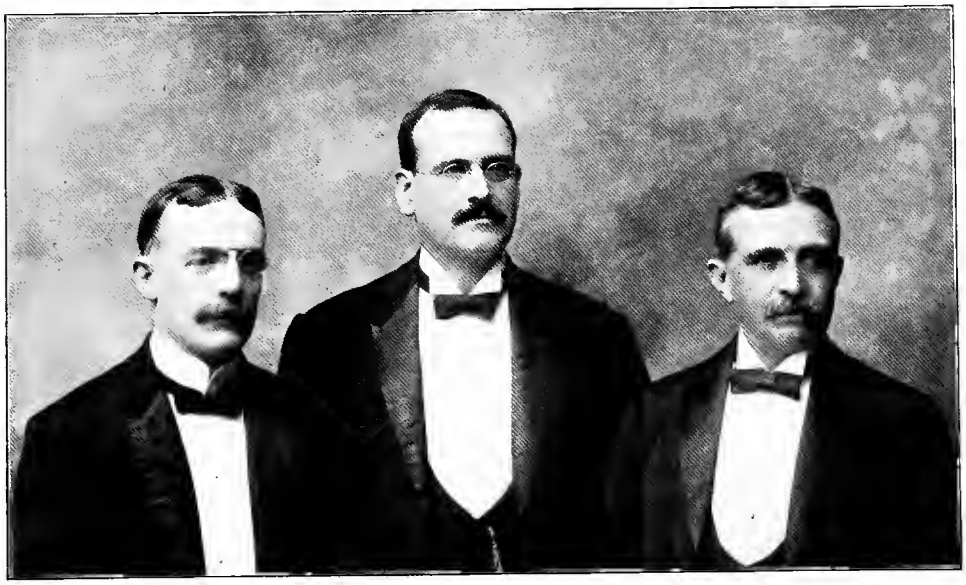

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FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

MELITA LODGE, No. 295, F. & A. M.

PREFATORY.

To participate in a celebration which marks the fiftieth anniversary of such an organization as Melita Lodge, 295, F. & A. M. is so much beyond the ordinary in occurrence, and such an unusual experience, that it deserves to be noted. How to do this, however, is not so readily determined; it perhaps resolves itself into a matter of opinion. This subtle factor, if unfairly exercised, is very difficult to deal with or satisfy. Some may think it a very easy task to glance back over the years that have been crossed, and review the occurrences. In the performance of such a duty, it may be thought unfair to omit what has been omitted, no matter what may have been included.

The very able and exhaustive address of our Secretary, Past Master Thomas A. Redding, read at the fiftieth anniversary of the Lodge, was so appreciatingly received by the members that it was referred to the following named committee, Bros. John C. Hunterson, George H. Lokes,

and Thomas A. Redding, to prepare it for publication, that it may be distributed to the members.

There are so many events which constitute the record of these years, which could not possibly be presented in an address intended to be read at one of the Lodge sessions, that it has been thought best to allow the committee to elaborate and extend their comments, leaving the address of Bro. Redding very much as originally delivered, but amplified as to details and extended in statement, so as to comprise at least a short history of the Lodge.

Fifty years is an extended lapse of time. Very few indeed are permitted to see but one such event as a semi-centennial. Twenty-five years is a standard more readily measured to, and there are more than three score of our members who have been blessed with such an experience. On January 28, 1880, Melita celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary with the importance that such an event demanded, and during the evening Past Master Brother Dennis F. Dealy, in giving the history of the Lodge, made this statement: "In the course of nature it is hardly probable that even a score of those here tonight will be present at our semi-centennial." This statement assumes a prominence, as it has been printed with our by-laws, which makes it so important a remark that your committee has taken the trouble to compile the list of those of our

members who were present at both of these events, and have ascertained that it contains the following names:

Alexander, T. D. G.
Atkinson, John C.
Baird, Daniel, Jr.
Beam, John A.
Benison, Joseph
Benckert, John W.
Brooks, John T.
Carns, Gilbert, P. M.
Chubb, Jos. H.
Clements, Samuel M., P. M.
Conrade, Geo. T.
Cranmer, Wm. C.
Culp, Thomas.
Duncan, John A., P. M.
Eiseman, Wm., W. M.
Fredericks, John
Gessler, Chas. W.
Hamer, Henry C.
Harris, George J.
Hawkins, Hugh
Hayllar, Benj.
Hehl, Charles
Heins, Henry
Hickman, Wm. L. D.
Hortz, Wm. R., P. M.
Hunterson, John C.
James, Noah
Joachim, Edw., P. M.
King, Thos. P.
Kollock, David H., S. D.
Long, George E.
Maloney, A. J.
McDowell, Edgar S.
McGirr, Wm. J.
Miller, Charles R.
Morrison, James P.
Norris, Albert A.
O'Neill, Charles
Peltz, Wm.
Presker, David H.
Redding, Thos. A., J. W.
Tripple, Wm. T.
Tripple, James M.
Vaughn, Richard S.
Watson, Thos. B.
Wintrup, John,

Forty-six in number, as to attendance upon the two occasions referred to, although in fact sixty-six members are yet on the roll who were associated with us twenty-five years ago.

Fiftieth Anniversary

Members present at celebration of semi-centennial:

Thomas D. G. Alexander,
John C. Atkinson,
Benjamin J. Aitken,
Emil F. Aubel,
Frederick E. Aubel,
George W. Arthur,
James M. Applegate,
David J. Allcutt,
William Amman,
Chester F. Appleton,
John Atlee,
John T. Brooks,
Frank Bayle,
John W. Benckert,
John A. Beam,
Daniel Baird,
John W. Beebe,
Christian Brandt,
Albert Baney,
Harry Beyer,
Maurice E. Benton,
George P. J. Braun,
William H. Beitenmiller,
William H. Buchman,
Rodman L. Betts,
William T. Barrett,
Thomas Bleyler,
Charles M. Boswell,
John F. Burns,
David H. Kollock,
Frederick Koehler,
Charles H. Kors,
Carl Kaufman,
Charles W. Kirk,
Burton T. Kyle,
George E. Long,
William Landis,
Morris F. Lewis, Jr.,
James K. Laudenslager,
Albert Legg,
Edward Lupton,
George H. Lokes,
Francis W. S. Lee,
Edward W. Laskey,
Meyer Isador Lifshetz,
George F. Logan,
Harry C. Largeman,
Henry J. Llewellyn,
Lewis K. Lockard,
Andrew J. Maloney,
James P. Morrison,
Martin V. B. Musselman,
Charles R. Miller,
John W. Murgatroyd,
Addis W. Munyan,
Howard Miller,
William Clinton Moore,
Harry W. Moore,

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Charles Buob, Jr.,
Albert Behm,
Eugene G. Bleck,
John T. Brooks, Jr.,
Henry S. Bastian,
George H. Bastian,
Louis C. Bechtle,
George M. Banks,
Samuel M. Beamer,
Joseph A. Buckwalter,
William Braucher,
Samuel M. Clement,
Gilbert Carns,
Thomas Culp,
George T. Conrade,
Joseph H. Chubb,
William C. Cranmer,
John E. Cheeseman,
William S. Campbell,
Samuel M. Clements, Jr.,
Frank H. Cope,
John Campbell,
William F. Cushing, Jr.,
Charles Clappier,
J. Rhea Craig, Jr.,
Charles I. Clegg,
William E. Crouch,
Robert Coates,
John A. Duncan,
John W. Dick,
Marshall McCulley,
William J. McGirr,
Edgar S. McDowell,
Frank McAvoy,
Robert C. McNeil,
John McLernon,
Norris S. McDowell,
John S. McConnell,
David McAfee,
Thomas F. McAdams,
Joseph McGayhey,
William G. McCarter,
James C. McLaurin,
Charles N. McGahey,
Albert A. Norris,
Hugo J. Nickel,
Clarence S. Nesbit,
Charles O'Neill,
Charles H. Ott,
William Oates,
Richard Peltz,
John Peterson,
David H. Presker,
Edward Pole,
Wesley H. Paramore,
James R. Phillips,
Charles M. Prince,
Walter L. Paull,
John L. Price,
Winfield D. Pallatt,

Fiftieth Anniversary

Harry A. Dealy,
Francis Davis,
Walter Durfor,
August C. Dietrick,
William E. Ervin,
William Eiseman,
John Evans,
Max B. Elwert,
Llewellyn H. Eby,
John Fredericks,
Walter Faires,
Frank N. Forsyth,
John T. Frick,
John R. Fox,
Clayton G. Fritz,
John K. Freid,
Albert Foerderer,
Louis C. Fairchild,
Charles W. Gessler,
William D. Gardner, Jr.,
Charles S. Gardner,
Joseph C. Gaither,
William L. Gaulbert,
Hartman K. Gilmore,
Harry T. Gilmour,
Samuel W. Gadd,
William E. Griffiths,
Lee W. Gray,
Amos K. Geikler,
John Gundermann,
George W. Gallager,
Frederick F. Quicksall,
Thomas A. Redding,
Albert B. Richards,
William T. Rockett,
Alfred N. Redding,
Dilman G. Rosenberger,
Henry D. Roe,
George D. Rheim,
George S. Robinson,
Walter C. Redding,
Raphael L. Rosenberg,
Charles C. Rankin,
Thomas F. Read,
Henry Shetzline,
Frank Sidney,
George Y. Shoch,
John Scanlin,
W. Harris Seltzer,
William S. Stewart,
Samuel Shaw,
Charles H. Shetzline,
Philip R. Schuyler,
Augustus Spicer,
William K. Smith,
William H. Schultz,
Thomas Spark,
Charles A. Shetzline,
L. James Spear,
John H. Simon,
Edward R. Snader,
Reuben A. Shetzline,

Richard Stanley Green,
James Glover,
John G. Geyss,
George W. Gallager, Jr.,
Henry Goldner,
Hugh Hawkins,
John C. Hunterson,
William L. D. Hickman,
Henry Heins,
Henry Holl,
William H. Hutt,
Henry C. Hamer,
William R. Hortz, Sr.,
Philip S. Hortz,
George J. Harris,
Benjamin Hayllar,
Charles Hehl,
Henry A. Herbott,
Edwin T. Harvie,
Alvin R. Hillyard,
Samuel H. Howitz,
Jesse K. Himmelwright,
Harry E. Humphreys,
Henry T. Humphreys,
Albert C. Hageman,
Julius A. Heck,
Frank Holman,
Harry B. Hansbury,
J. Wesley Heins,
Benjamin F. Harrison,
Robert Hetherington,
Ellerslie W. Shetzline,
David W. Shetzline,
C. Addison Schuler,
Joseph P. Snyder,
Louis J. Suess,
Frederick Sharp,
Walter Silliman,
John F. Sharp,
John E. Shoch,
Walter Frederick Schenk,
David B. Schoch,
Clarence G. Summers, Jr.,
Charles P. Stroh,
John V. Spruance,
Thomas E. Sollers,
David H. Simon,
William T. Tripple,
Gideon C. Torbet,
Edward T. Tyson, Jr.,
Luther G. Terry,
John Thommen,
Frank H. Tuft,
Robert Twiggs,
Richard H. Vaughan,
Charles H. Voigt,
Franklin D. Van Auken,
Edward H. Voigt,
John Van Auken,
Charles H. Voigt, Jr.,
John Wintrup,
William H. Wallace,

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Frank A. Hoppe,
Samuel Gibson Hewitt,
Samuel Hubball,
William S. Higbee,
William R. Hortz, Jr.,
Henry J. Holl,
George Hoffman,
Henry M. Irwin,
John Irvine,
Henry A. Ickes,
Harry W. Irwin,
Samuel F. Irwin,
Alexander Irvine,
Edward E. Joachim,
John L. James,
Albert H. Johnson,
William C. Juram,
William King,
Thomas F. King,
George E. Kimmey,
Louis Wanner, Jr.,
Henry Wittman,
Thomas B. Watson,
Harry E. Winner,
Frederick Woerner,
John H. Whitaker,
Wesley Williams,
Julius G. Weygandt,
Lucien M. Wiler,
William T. Weir, Jr.,
Norman H. Witmeyer,
Frank E. Witty,
John H. Williams,
William H. Wolter,
Lincoln W. Williams,
John G. Wilson,
Robert Walters,
Alexander J. Whittingham,
William C. K. Walls.

Regrets were read from the following:

Brother M. H. Henderson, Past Grand Master.

Brother Edgar A. Tennis, Past Grand Master.

Brother George W. Kendrick, Jr., R. W. Dep. Grand Master.

Also from members of Melita, as follows:

Brother James Borer, Boston, Mass.

Brother William T. Birch, Collingswood, N. J.

Brother Frank M. Dealy, P. M., Palm Beach, Florida.

Brother Holford G. Jones, St. Louis, Mo.

Brother William J. Kirkpatrick, Winter Park, Florida.

Brother Wm. A. Porter, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Brother Joseph W. Sturgis, Conshohocken, Pa.

Brother Richard D. Wallace, Fort Worth, Texas,

and from twenty-four other brethren who resided in Philadelphia.

Every member of Melita certainly anticipated sharing the pleasure of the celebration of the semi-centennial of the Lodge. Very many, however, were prevented, from conditions beyond their control. The day set apart for this event, Wednesday, January 25, 1905, proved to be an unusually stormy one. A blizzard set in early and continued with increasing severity until the next morning.

The intensity of the storm deprived a number of the opportunity of assembling with their brethren of the Lodge, as many of the trolley lines had ceased their trips, and the steam roads were unable to maintain their schedule time, and only kept their trains running with great difficulty. Many of the members present will remember, however, and perhaps narrate to the younger members in the years to come, how they were compelled to walk home that night, not being able to secure a conveyance.

But while the storm was raging, and these conditions were ruling without, all was cheerfulness and gladsome sociability within. Everyone present was wearing a smile that betokened a warmth of genial good-fellowship, which defied the unwelcome storm without to interfere with the enjoyment that reigned within.

The Lodge was opened at 4 o'clock P. M., convening in the grand and spacious Corinthian Hall, and remained in session about two hours. The Worshipful Master, Brother John R. Fox, assumed his station promptly at the hour named, with Brother James R. Phillips, Senior Warden, and Brother George H. Lokes, Junior Warden, present and officiating. The other officers present in their stations were: Secretary, Brother Thomas A. Redding, and Treasurer, Brother Daniel Baird.

After the appropriate Lodge prayer by Rev. Charles M. Boswell, Chaplain, the Lodge was led by the orchestra in singing the hymn which is printed with the program. At its conclusion the Worshipful Master, Brother John R. Fox, in his genial and modest manner delivered the following address:

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF MELITA LODGE: As you are aware, we are assembled here this afternoon to celebrate the fiftieth or

semi-centennial anniversary of the constitution of our Lodge.

I feel assured when Melita Lodge, No. 295, was constituted in January, 1855, its charter members little dreamed it would ever reach the proportions it has, and number over four hundred members at this time; and I think we have every reason for pride, thanksgiving and congratulation in the fact that we have attained our high standing in the Fraternity, and to-day I can consistently claim for it the proud position of one of the most successful, prosperous and harmonious lodges in the Jurisdiction.

I will not dwell upon historical facts or data, as that pleasant duty has been assigned to one more competent than I, and during the course of our ceremonies this evening our worthy Secretary, Past-Master Thomas A. Redding, will give you a short account of some of the leading and interesting occurrences during the fifty years that have passed, and give you in detail our marvelous growth.

Entering as I do to-day upon my first experience as Worshipful Master of this Lodge, I feel some diffidence and embarrassment, as I am well aware it requires ability and qualities that are not given to us all, so I ask of every officer and member of the Lodge his encouragement and assistance and I promise, to the best of my ability, to so fulfill the duties of this position as to continue for the

Lodge its healthy growth and prosperity, so that its high standing amoung our sister lodges shall be maintained.

As there is quite a lengthy programme of ceremonies in commemoration of this important event, and as we are to be favored by addresses from some of the officers of the Grand Lodge who have honored up by their attendance, I will not detain you by any further remarks, so will conclude by expressing the sincere and heartfelt hope that there shall always abide with us that brotherly love, harmony and good fellowship taught us by the pure principles of our Fraternity, and that among us there shall no contention arise, save that noble contention or rather emulation as to who shall best work and best agree.

(A copy of the program is appended herewith, also the Menu of the Banquet).

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

MELITA LODGE No. 295, F. & A. M.

MASONIC TEMPLE, PHILADELPHIA,

Wednesday, January 25, 1905, Corinthian Hall, 4 P. M.

Opening

PRAYER..... Rev. Brother Charles M. Boswell, D.D.

Melita Lodge, No. 295, F. and A. M.

SINGING ..... Lodge

To Him who rules, be homage paid,
Where hearts with voice unite;
To Him we bring fraternal aid,
Who guides in solemn rite.

Come, Brothers, bound by kindly ties,
Your notes harmonious bring;
While acts of generous sacrifice,
In thoughts of love we sing.

As days and years roll by—
As Time's sad changes rise,
No doubt shall dim the trusting eye,
Where rule the good and wise.

To Him who rules, be homage paid,
Where hearts with voice unite;
Till life shall cease, and time shall fade,
We'll bring our solemn plight.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME, Worshipful Master Brother John R. Fox
SINGING ..... Quartette
HISTORICAL ADDRESS..Brother Thomas A. Redding, P. M., Sec.
SINGING ..... Quartette

Closing

PRAYER .....Rev. Brother Alfred Heebner, D.D.

At the conclusion of the Worshipful Master's congratulatory address, Brother Thomas A. Redding, Past Master and Secretary of the Lodge, entertained the brethren with

an historical address, and exhibited to the members several articles which belonged to some portion of the Lodge history of previous years.

At 6:45 o'clock the special meeting of the Lodge was closed, and at seven o'clock the regular monthly meeting was opened in due form and closed at eight o'clock when the members retired to the Grand Banquet Hall, where this excellent menu and program of addresses entertained and delighted the brethren until midnight.

GRAND BANQUET HALL

. . . MENU . . .

LYNN HAVENS

CELERY CIGARS

GREEN TURTLE SOUP

KENNEBEC SALMON POTATO SURPRISE

TENDERLOIN OF BEEF AND MUSHROOMS

PUNCH CIGARETTES

ROAST SQUAB

SALTED ALMONDS PECANS

LOBSTER SALAD

ICE CREAM FANCY CAKES

ROQUEFORT CHEESE AND CRACKERS

COFFEE CIGARS

HISTORICAL ADDRESS

ORGANIZATION AND INSTITUTION, JANUARY 15, 1855.

Extract from minutes of the Grand Lodge:

At an extra grand communication of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania held in the Masonic Hall, Third St., above Spruce, Monday, January 15, 1855:

"An application was read from a number of brethren, asking for a new warrant in the City of Philadelphia, naming Brother Harmon Yerkes as the first Worshipful Master, Brother William E. Harpur as the first Senior Warden, and Brother Charles Gilpin as the first Junior Warden. On motion duly made and seconded, it was referred to the Grand Officers with power to act."

These brethren to whom reference is made, and upon whose petition the matter came before the Grand Lodge, are described in the First Annual Report of the Lodge as follows:

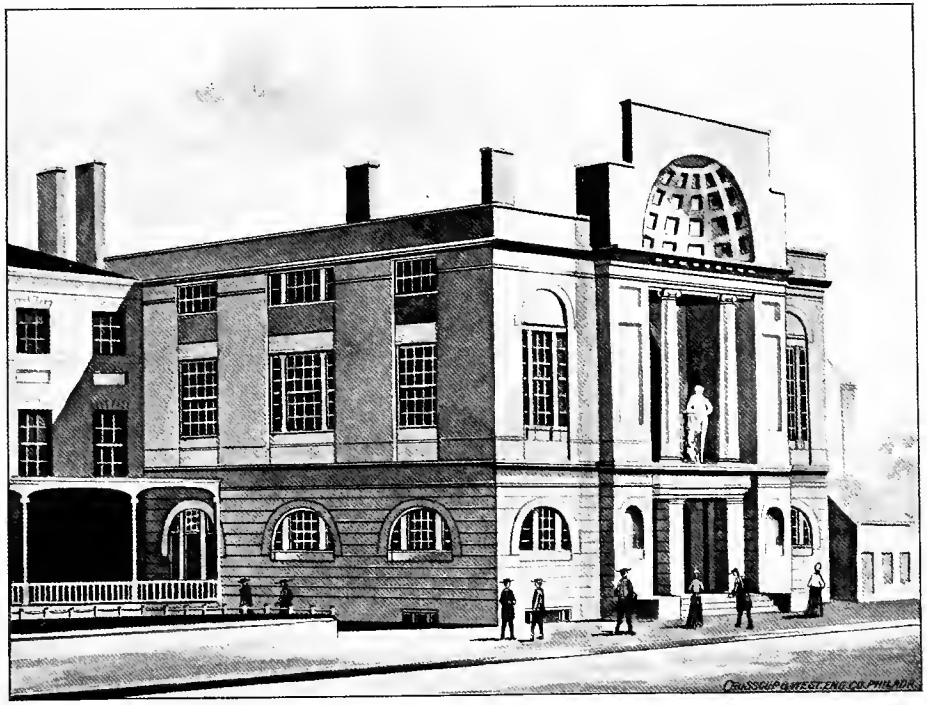
Name.	Age.	Occupation.	Residence.
Harman Yerkes	60	Gentleman	60 N. Eleventh St.
William E. Harpur	—	Jeweller	Chestnut St.
Charles Gilpin	46	Att'y at Law	Walnut St.
George W. McMahon	39	Clerk	162 S. Ninth St.
Robert McCrory	46	Merchant	American Hotel
William Elliott	39	Manufacturer	Lombard St.

The petition was endorsed, and the granting of the charter or warrant recommended by Lodges No. 9 and 19, with whom this charter list were affiliated, Brother Harman Yerkes with Lodge No. 9, and the remaining five brethren with Lodge No. 19.

Both of these were established lodges at this time, then as now occupying prominent positions among the Masonic fraternity.

The petitioners had been Masons for several years and were not novices in the craft, fully realizing the importance and responsibility which they took upon themselves when petitioning for a new Lodge, and as the result shows they were men of faith and courage, able to bear the responsibility as well as to grasp the opportunity that presented; for be it remembered that the fraternity still occupied the hall on Third St. The new Masonic Temple on Chestnut St., above Seventh was at this time nearing completion and attracting public attention to our fraternity that was able to erect such a building, and occupy it for its own uses exclusively, regarding it as a great undertaking.

It appears that the Grand Officers acceded to the request of the brethren named, for the original warrant, now displayed in the presence of the Lodge, bears the date of that meeting, January 15, 1855. It bears the signatures of James Hutchinson, Right Worshipful Grand Master,



MASONIC HALL, THIRD STREET.

Peter Williamson, Deputy Grand Master, and the remaining Grand Officers, attested by William H. Adams, Grand Secretary, all of which names are honored by the craft today.

It is somewhat a source of surprise that there seems to be no date of record as to the constitution of the Lodge, either in our own minutes or the records of the Grand Lodge. But as Melita has several times held anniversary meetings while the Charter members were yet active participants, we must conclude that they regarded the date of the warrant as the date of organization. At this day the life of the Lodge would begin at its constitution by the Grand Officers. The first recorded minutes are dated February 27, 1855, Lodge was opened at 3 P. M. We infer from this that the Lodge was constituted—certainly with all the ceremonies which belonged to such an occasion —at high noon on February 27, 1855. That upon the ceremonies being completed, the Grand Officers retired, and Melita Lodge No. 295 opened its first meeting; as the meeting was closed at 5 P. M. no doubt all the persons interested united in the Banqueting room to celebrate the happy event. But let us go back to that first meeting.

Brother Harman Yerkes was Worshipful Master, Brother Wm. E. Harpur, Senior Warden, Brother Charles Gilpin, Junior Warden, with three members present, namely: Wm. Elliott, George W. McMahon and Robert

McCrory, also four visiting brethren. Brother Charles Gilpin read a code of by-laws, which were unanimously adopted. The dues were fixed at $6 per annum, initiation and membership, $35, membership $10, life membership $40. A committee of three was appointed to procure regalia. The fourth Wednesday of each month was fixed for regular stated meetings, a selection so satisfactory that it continues to the present. An election was held for treasurer and secretary. George W. McMahon was elected Treasurer and Robert McCrory Secretary. Two petitions for initiation and membership were received and referred to a committee. The Lodge, as before stated, closed at 5 P. M.

The Lodge convened in regular session March 28. Present were the Worshipful Master, Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Treasurer, Secretary, and one member, Wm. Elliott, with an attendance of thirteen visiting brethren. The petitioners of the previous meeting were approved, and one, Alfred J. White, entered. Three petitions for initiation and membership were received and one for membership. One of the three was signed by Hugh Hawkins, who, we are happy to note, is present with us on this occasion. He has continued a member of the Lodge from then until now, and is still faithful in his attendance at the meetings. We congratulate him that his life has been spared, and we congratulate ourselves that we are

permitted to have with us one who was associated with the beginning of Melita Lodge.

At the meeting convened April 25, 1855, five officers and two members were present with twenty-five visiting brethren. Four petitions for initiation and membership were received, and five petitions for membership. The three petitions of the March meeting were approved, and an Entered Apprentice Mason's Lodge being opened, the approved applicants were initiated, one of the three being Brother Hugh Hawkins. At this meeting it was

Resolved, "That the charter members be declared life members of the Lodge, provided that the dues of said members under the by-laws shall not cease until the Lodge shall consist of thirty members, exclusive of said charter members."

At the stated meeting of May 23, 1855, five officers and eight members were present, with fifteen visiting brethren. Six petitions for initiation and membership were received, four candidates were initiated, and the third degree conferred upon one. At this meeting the appointed offices were filled, and one brother made a life member by the payment of forty dollars.

The fifth stated meeting convened June 27, 1855, with an attendance of sixteen, including officers, and sixteen visiting brethren. Five petitions for initiation and membership were presented. Five candidates were initiated and three received their second degree. At this meeting

a petition for membership was presented, which no doubt will interest the present membership of the Lodge. It was signed by Robert B. Salter, age 38; occupation, carpenter; residence, 169 Wharton St.

The continued accession to the list of membership during these first six months was beyond the ability of the Lodge to care for in the conferring of degrees, so we find a special convocation was called for the afternoon of July 16, 1855, beginning at three o'clock. The second degree was conferred upon one, and three received the third degree. Twelve officers and members were present, and also twenty-four visitors.

At the regular session of the Lodge, July 25, eighteen officers and members were present and twelve visiting brethren. Six petitions were approved, five were entered and four passed. Three petitions for initiation and membership were received. At this meeting the Worshipful Master and Secretary were directed to make application to the hall committee, requesting that the blue room in the new hall on Chestnut St. be assigned to the Lodge. The members kept late hours then as now, for the Lodge did not close until 11:15 o'clock.

Sixteen officers and members with five visitors were present at the second special meeting of the Lodge, which was convened July 30, the session beginning at 4 and ending at 6 P. M. Two candidates were entered, one crafted and one raised.

August 22 was the date for the regular meeting but the Lodge was called in special session at 3 P. M. and closed at 6. Two candidates received the third degree. Twenty-seven officers and members with eighteen visiting brethren assembled at 7 P. M., when the regular session was opened. Ten petitions for initiation and membership were presented. The work done was to enter three, craft three, and raise two.

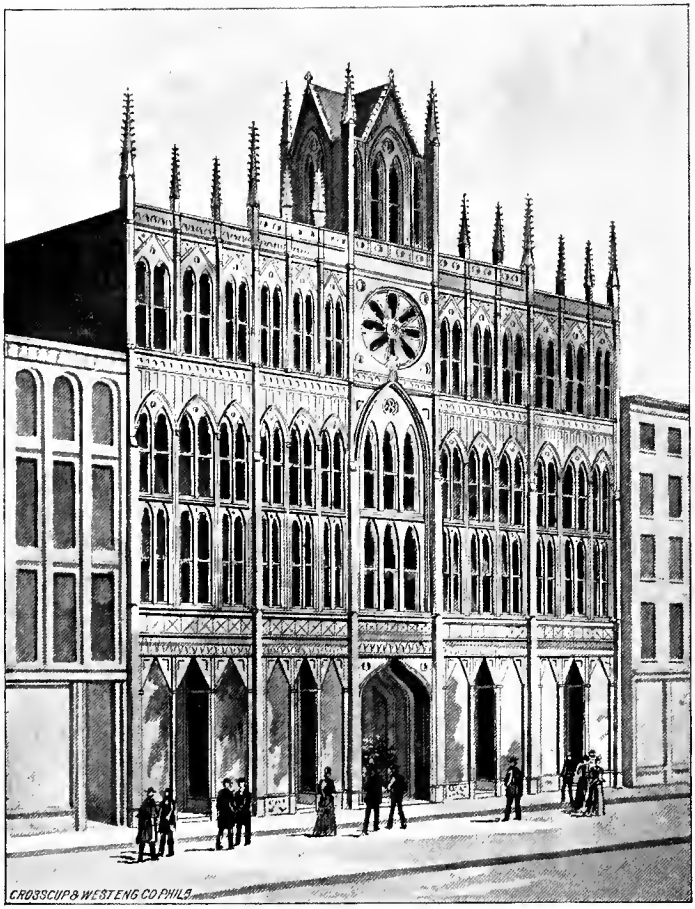
The custom of Melita Lodge for many years past has been to omit the July and August meetings because of the intense heat of summer. It will be noticed that this was not done in the first year of our history. In fact, special meetings were added to the regular ones because of the pressure of the work demanding attention. Instead of resting, the officers were called upon to perform double duty. This certainly was unselfish devotion to the interests of the Lodge, and commends those who so diligently wrought in our early history to our consideration as worthy men and true. There must have been an unusual willingness as well as capability on the part of the Master and his Wardens to have accomplished the laborious task which presented itself. This duty, well performed as it was, must have been at the sacrifice of much personal comfort, and surely was recognized and appreciated. As the result of this patient toil the Lodge numbered sixty-five at the close of the first year.

A special of the Lodge was called for the fourth time on September 5. The Lodge opened at 2 P. M. with twenty-three officers and members and four visiting brethren present. Two candidates were entered, three were crafted and three were raised. At this meeting arrangements were made for the Lodge to participate in the public procession at the dedication of the new Masonic Temple on Chestnut St., and the following resolution was passed:

"*Resolved:* That the Worshipful Master appoint a Marshal for the procession of the members of this Lodge participating in the dedication. Also a committee of three to take charge of the aprons and sashes which shall be delivered to each member at the place of meeting, to join in the procession, to wit: The Robert Morris Hose House on Lombard St., south side above Eighth. Each brother will be required to deliver to the committee his sash and apron at the dismissal of the procession; or if not delivered he will be accountable for the cost thereof." Brother George W. Briggs was appointed as the Marshal.

September 26: The Lodge opened at 6 P. M., eighteen officers and members with thirteen visitors being present. Seven petitions for initiation and membership were presented. Five were entered and one passed. Among those entered was our Brother Richard Peltz, who is with us this evening.

The dedication of the Chestnut St. Hall took place upon this date. From the report of the committee just referred



MASONIC HALL, CHESTNUT STREET.

to we find that thirty-seven members met at the Robert Morris Hose House at seven o'clock A. M., thence proceeding to Twelfth and Pine Sts. by 8 A. M. Melita being the youngest Lodge it was assigned its proper place at the head of the procession. After the procession was dismissed they returned to the place of meeting. Each member had been supplied with an apron and sash. At the meeting it was

"*Resolved:* That each member be entitled to retain the sash worn by him in the procession at the dedication of the new hall." A bill of $2.50 for rental of Robert Morris Hose House was paid.

On October 5, 1855, the Lodge met for the first time in the new hall, the session being a special one for work. There were thirty-five of the officers and members present, and fifty-two visiting brethren. Four were entered and one was passed. The number of visitors would seem to indicate the estimation in which the Lodge was held by the fraternity, while some, no doubt, were curious to see the new Lodge perform its work in its new surroundings.

No mention up to this point has been made of the receipts of the Lodge from fees and dues, but they were being regularly received, so that quite a fund had accumulated in the treasury of the Lodge. As an indication of the prompt and loyal spirit governing the Lodge, and which we believe has characterized it ever since, at this meeting it was

Resolved: "That an order be drawn on the Treasurer in favor of the Grand Lodge for $250, on account of dues accuring and due on St. John's day next."

On October 11 the Lodge was again called into special session, and with a total attendance of thirty-three members work was performed in the third degree upon four candidates. It was at this meeting that the custom began, which has continued until the present time, as shown in the following resolution:

Resolved: "That the Secretary be authorized and directed to procure a Past Master's regalia and jewel, to correspond in quality and similar in design to the Lodge regalia."

On October 24 another special session was convened at 5:15 P. M. for the purpose of conferring the Past Master's degree. Wm. Harpur, Senior Warden and Charles Gilpin, Junior Warden, were in their stations and officiated, but Francis Blackburn, not a member of the Lodge, officiated as Worshipful Master. Warrants were read from James Hutchinson, Esquire, Right Worshipful Grand Master, to pass to the chair Brothers George W. McMahon, Robert McCrory and William Elliott. Each was separately introduced and passed to the chair. The session closed at 5:55, as it was the night of the regular meeting.

Three specials with the regular meeting in one month was certainly a record for work, and we cannot recall a similar month in the years which have followed. The continual pressure of applications for membership made it necessary, as it was impossible to confer the degrees at the regular sessions.

The evening was devoted to the regular session of the Lodge. Present thirty-one officers and members, with thirty-three visitors, including the R. W. Grand Master. The degree of Entered Apprentice was conferred upon five, and that of Fellow Craft upon four candidates. There were twelve petitions for initiation and membership presented. At this meeting the first investment of the Lodge funds was authorized by vote, viz:

Resolved: "That the Worshipful Master, Treasurer and Secretary be authorized to invest $500 in the Masonic Loan by February 1st, 1856."

On November 14, 1855, a special meeting was again needed to confer degrees. One candidate was entered, two were crafted and three were raised. Twenty-six officers and members were present, and twenty-nine visitors.

The tenth regular stated meeting convened November 28, 1855, with an attendance of thirty-three officers and members, and forty-four visitors. Seven petitions were received for initiation and membership. The first degree was conferred upon five, the second degree upon six and

the third upon two candidates, the Lodge closing its session at 11:50.

On December 12 another special meeting convened with an attendance of thirty-five officers and members. Visitors to the number of eighteen were also present. Four candidates were entered, two passed and four raised. At this meeting another order was drawn for $250, in favor of the Grand Lodge for dues which would be due by St. John's day.

The first annual meeting and election for officers occurred on December 26, 1855. Thirty-seven officers and members were present, with twenty visitors. The record states that the Master Mason's Lodge was closed and an Entered Apprentice Mason's Lodge opened, when the Lodge was called off from labor for the space of five minutes, to prepare ballots for an election. The Entered Apprentice Mason's Lodge was called on, tellers appointed, and the election held, when it was announced that the following brethren were elected:

William E. Harpur, Worshipful Master, 31 votes.
Charles Gilpin, Senior Warden, 32 votes.
William Elliot, Junior Warden, 34 votes.
George W. McMahon, Treasurer, 34 votes.
Robert McCrory, Secretary, 34 votes.

Before closing the Master Mason's Lodge, however, the Worshipful Master Harmon Yerkes delivered an ad-

dress, a portion of which is included here, as it no doubt will interest the present membership:

"Before calling off the Lodge preparatory to the election of Worshipful Master, I propose to say a few words in view of my retirement from the chair, as it is my purpose to install my successor and the officers immediately after the election. Melita Lodge No. 295, A. Y. M., was chartered on the fifteenth day of January, 1855, with six charter members. It has now sixty-five members.

There have been entered, passed, and raised	26
Entered and passed only	10
Entered only	13
Approved and not entered	3
Elected from other lodges	7
Including charter members	6
	65

"It has held stated and special meetings numbering eighteen, at every one of which your charter members have been present.

"The gross receipts, excluding this meeting, are $1,323; and the gross expenditures which have been paid, $391.27. On the sum due the Grand Lodge there has been advanced, in anticipation of the amount $500.

"The fees and charges of the Grand Lodge incident to the grant of the charter were paid by the charter members,

and are not embraced in the gross expenditures. As the Lodge has deemed the charter members worthy of life membership, they wish to be understood as declining any reimbursement, and have requested me to say for them, while I speak for myself, that we are duly sensible of the honor conferred, and hope to continue to deserve it.

"I think I may say that the prosperity of Melita Lodge is unexampled in our Masonic annals. Her labor is active and harmonious. Her strength and character elicit the commendation of the fraternity, and her work receives the encouragement and approbation of brethren in high places and of great experience.

"My brethren, we have in all this cause for congratulation, and great encouragement for well doing, and I trust that our labors hereafter, as heretofore, may produce good fruit, and be acceptable, not only to our Grand Master, but to our Great Grand Master, the Supreme Architect of the Universe, the Omnipotent, the Omniscient, the Omnipresent."

The Committee on Accounts reported that there was in the Treasurer's hands a balance of $431.24. After the officers had been installed there was appointed a committee on charity consisting of three brethren. A Past Master's regalia was presented to the retiring Master, Brother Harmon Yerkes. Four candidates were entered, the Lodge closing at eleven o'clock.

We have thus particularized the various items in the minutes connected with the first year of the Lodge, that the brethren of to-day might gain some idea of the character of the men who organized Melita Lodge. They have passed away, but while here they acted well their part, and Masonically we can truly say that their works do follow them.

A special meeting was held on the evening of January 9, 1856, the Lodge opening at 6 o'clock. There were present 43 members and 37 visitors. This, no doubt, was the first anniversary occasion, for while three were raised and one entered—the one entered being our brother Charles F. Kessler, who is with us tonight—the Lodge closed at nine o'clock. Among the members recorded as present were Brothers Hugh Hawkins and Richard Peltz, both of whom are now present.

We presume it was an anniversary occasion because of a beautifully gotten up notice or invitation, which was evidently arranged so that the members could invite their friends. It is through the courtesy of the Librarian of the Grand Lodge, Brother George P. Rupp, that we have a copy of this invitation here this evening, which the brethren may examine. The Lodge was honored by the presence of Peter Williamson, Esquire, Right Worshipful Grand Master; John R. Mitchell, Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master; William E. Whitney, Past Grand

Master; Henry M. Phillips, Grand Senior Warden; John Thompson, Grand Junior Warden, and others of the Grand Lodge.

The bill of the Grand Lodge for the first year's dues and rent is quite interesting at the present day by way of comparison:

Dues 71 members at $1 each	$ 71 00
53 initiates at $7 each	371 00
Rent, light, fuel, 7 months, Third St. Hall at $2.50	17 50
3 months Chestnut St. Hall at $7	21 00
3 extra meetings Third St. Hall at $2.50	7 50
4 extra meetings Chestnut St. Hall at $7	28 00
	$516 00

As $500 had already been advanced, it was only necessary to draw an order of $16 to square the account. There was also paid to the Grand Lodge for forty sets of regalia used at the dedication of the Chestnut St. hall at $1.80 = $72.00. The first petition for aid was read and granted. That the brethren were interested, and closely watched the proceedings of the Lodge, the following will show. A petition signed by Brother William H. Adams, R. W. G. Secy., Wm. B. Schneider, Robert Clark, and others well known in Masonry, asking aid for a worthy brother, a past master of his lodge, and now holding an

appointment under the Grand Lodge was read, when Brother Yerkes moved that $20 be granted; Brother Elliott moved to amend by making it $10. Brother J. B. Whitaker moved to further amend by making it $15. On the vote being taken the amendment to the amendment ($15) was not agreed to. The amendment ($10) was not agreed to, and the original motion of $20 was finally carried.

At the stated meeting of May 28, 1856, the following is recorded: "Brother Charles Gilpin offered the following resolution, which on motion duly made and seconded was adopted.

"*Resolved:* That permission be asked from the Grand Lodge to adjourn over, and omit the stated meetings of July and August, if the Lodge should deem it expedient." The minutes of the Grand Lodge of June 2, 1856, contain this reference—"The communication was read, and the prayer contained therein granted; and the same privilege extended to all the Lodges who wish to omit meeting in July and August." It appears it was then the rule to ask permission to close over. The Ahiman Rezon now permits by vote of the Lodge.

At the December meeting of 1856 two members were suspended for non-payment of dues. Bills were presented and paid for carriages at funerals of members of the Lodge.

Fiftieth Anniversary

At the regular meeting in January, 1857, a resolution was offered that a committee of five be appointed to make arrangements for a banquet. Motion to amend to strike out "make arrangements" and insert "to report at next stated meeting whether it is expedient for the Lodge to have a banquet." Amendment lost. Motion also lost. That the Lodge had refreshments, however, is shown by the bill of the Tyler rendered June 24, 1857, for $81.50.

The first ripple on the harmony of the Lodge was a charge against a brother for maliciously libeling and traducing another brother who owed allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Ireland. The charge was made by P. M. Harmon Yerkes. A committee of three was appointed. It appears that this Brother A. who owed allegiance to the Grand Lodge of Ireland had made petition for membership in Melita Lodge. Brother O., a member of Melita, was formally charged with libeling Brother A., by saying to several members that Brother A. had dealt in policies. A committee was appointed who heard the testimony presented. Brother O. made no defence, and would not state from whom he received the information on which his statement was grounded. The report of the majority of the committee was that Brother O. be expelled. But before taking a vote on that resolution a minority report was presented, which is worthy of consideration even to this day. It began by acknowledging that it had been admitted that

Brother O. had used the words attributed to him, but called attention to the fact that no malice had been proved, nor had it been proved that the words so used had any tangible effect on the ballot which it appears had been taken on Brother A.'s petition. That while Brother O. may have yielded too ready credence to reports concerning Brother A., yet no unmasonic feeling had been proven in the case.

The motion to expel was changed to suspend, and was carried. This suspension we find was removed by the Grand Lodge shortly after, on motion of the Brother who had presented the original motion to expel.

On October 28, 1857, the first visitation of the Grand Lodge officers was made. The Grand Secretary was very commendatory of the manner in which the Lodge was conducted, and its minutes kept.

The record of November, 1857, shows a bill for refreshments paid to the Tyler, as follows: January 27, $8.00; February 24, $8.00; March 24, $20.00; April 28, $18.00; May 26, $20.00.

In December, 1857, Brother Dennis F. Dealy was elected Secretary.

In December, 1858, it was resolved that bills for dues be placed in the hands of a collector. No further mention is made of this, however.

May 10, 1859. The death of Brother Robert McCrory, late Secretary and one of the charter members was

announced at this meeting. It was a source of grief to the members, as he was held in high esteem and at this time was the Senior Warden. Brother Dealy says of him that "He was a man among men; trusty, tried and true. He never wavered in the cause of right, never faltered in well doing. No obstacle prevented his efforts to aid a friend and brother."

In September, 1860, the initiation fee was raised to $40.

On October 24, 1860, the Lodge was honored by a second visitation of the Grand Officers. Hon. Henry M. Phillips was the Grand Master at this date. The report of the Grand Secretary was again highly complimentary.

April, 1861, is a momentous date in the history of the country, and those present who remember these days of peril and war will be interested in the following resolution, passed at the meeting held April 24:

Resolved, "That the dues of those brothers of the Lodge who may enlist in defence of the Union and country, which shall accrue during their absence in such service, shall be donated to each and all of them." At this meeting mention is made of that masonic charity which always makes the heart warm when we hear of it. The death of Brother D. was announced, also that he had been staying for some time at Tampa Bay, Fla. The brethren there had ministered to his wants, and upon his making an effort to return to Philadelphia had given him a letter of credit to

parties in Savannah, Ga., which, however, he did not use, for death overtook him on his journey home. The proper acknowledgment was made to the Lodge in Florida.

During the whole of the year 1861 the attendance upon the meetings of the Lodge was small, though some work was done. Even on the night of the annual election there were only thirty-nine present. The total receipts for dues and fees amounted to $712.50. The expenses, however, were cut down accordingly, for the bill for refreshments for the year was only $65, and the year closed with a balance in the treasury of $58.03.

January 22, 1862. At this meeting the death of Past Master Harmon Yerkes was announced. He was one of the two who were instrumental in organizing and establishing Melita Lodge. Brother Dealy says regarding him: "His loss to the Lodge was as great as that of a father taken from a young and tender family. We had been so accustomed to see his familiar face, to go to him for advice, and to lean upon him for support. He was always zealous in watching the interests of the Lodge, its welfare and high standing; jealous of its faithfulness to the standard work, and of the firmest attachment to the regulations of the Grand Lodge."

July, 1862. A communication was read from Lodge No. 158, suggesting the formation of an association by the different lodges for the aiding of sick and wounded soldiers.

A committee, consisting of Brothers Dealy, Sinexon and Leach was appointed to represent Melita in this undertaking, and $50 was placed in the hands of the committee to begin the work. They expended $5 per month. It existed until December, 1863.

At the stated meeting in April, 1864, the by-laws were changed, so that the initiation fee was increased from $40 to $50.

January 16, 1865. This being the tenth anniversary occasion the Lodge was called in special session for work on the afternoon of above date, opening at 3 and closing at 5:30 to partake of the anniversary supper, for which preparations had been made, as no bill for refreshments appears to have been presented during the previous year, excepting a bill for $100 for the night of annual meeting and election. This was offset by the expenditure for refreshments in the following year of $956.

In December, 1865, the initiation fee was raised to $80. This continued only one year, however, as in December, 1866, it was restored to $75.

In May, 1866, the Lodge was informed of a proposition of the Grand Lodge to secure a new site and erect a more capacious temple. It was favorably received and agreed to by a unanimous vote of the Lodge, which from then on until the dedication took a lively interest in its erection, investing $2,600 of its funds in the new Masonic Loan.

At the stated meeting held June 27, 1866, a resolution was passed requesting members to attend in Masonic dress, or in dark clothes and white gloves. Three dozen pairs of white gloves were purchased for the use of members in the Lodge room.

A communication with the resolution was received from the Grand Lodge in March, 1867, fixing the time to close meetings of subordinate Lodges at 10:30 from March to September and at eleven o'clock from September to March; and charging $3 per hour rental if the time fixed was not adhered to.

In 1867 at the May meeting the Lodge held a banquet at the Washington Hotel, adjoining the Temple, as indicated by a bill of $120 for refreshments. At this meeting it was

Resolved, "That the Worshipful Master be appointed to represent the Lodge at the meeting of the Grand Lodge in June." It appears that up to this time lodges meeting outside the city had appointed brethren, who resided in the city and were members of the Grand Lodge, as their proxy.

On June 24, 1868, the laying of the corner stone of the present Masonic Temple took place. All of the city and many of the country Lodges participated in the event, which was preceded by a parade, and followed by a banquet. Melita members to the number of 127 were in the procession. The Lodge assembled in the large sales room

of the carriage factory of Brother Wm. D. Gardner, on Fifth St. below Walnut. The room was emptied of carriages on that day so that the Lodge might be accommodated. The Liberty Cornet Band was engaged for the day, and added very much to the creditable display which the Lodge made in the procession. At the close of the ceremonies the Lodge proceeded to Eighth and Spring Garden Sts., where the necessary preparations had been made for a banquet, to which the brethren did full justice, after the long march in the heat and dust. The bill which was submitted amounted to $411. This was disputed and a committee was appointed to adjust differences. They succeeded in securing a reduction of $128.50 from the exorbitant charge, leaving the bill $282.50, which was then ordered paid.

As an indication of the degree to which the Masonic Charities have grown, we quote from the minutes of a stated meeting held April 26, 1871; when a communication was read from the Board of Almoners of the Grand Lodge, soliciting an appropriation to the Board, to meet appeals in special cases coming before it—the Lodge heartily contributed the sum of $50. Again in October of the same year the Lodge donated $100 to the fund for relief of sufferers by the Chicago fire. Also took action on the contemplated changes in the Ahiman Rezon relating to fees and dues. The action was against the acceptance.

April 23, 1873. At the stated meeting held this date consideration was given to the increased expenditures which would be incurred by meeting in the new Temple. A committee appointed to consider the question suggested the increase of the income of the Lodge by raising the dues ten cents per month, from $6 to $7.20 per annum; abolishing half dues to the members outside of the city, and increasing life membership from $50 to $75. These propositions were all adopted at the meeting in May. At this meeting the committee also reported that they had visited the new Temple and had selected Egyptian Hall as the future meeting place of the Lodge. At this meeting a circular was read from the Library Committee relative to the proposed Library. A donation of $25 was made which the Library Committee afterward acknowledged, stating that they had purchased with the amount—Webster's Dictionary in sheep, Hallam's Works, and History and Origin of the Bible. This dictionary is still on duty at the old stand.

On Friday, September 26, 1873, the new Masonic Temple was dedicated with full Masonic rites and ceremonies. At this date the Lodge was officered as follows: Brother Samuel M. Clements, Worshipful Master; Brother James I. Wright, Senior Warden, and Brother Jacob K. Thompson, Junior Warden. The Lodge participated in the procession, Past Master Henry L. Sinexon

officiating as Marshal. After the conclusion of the ceremonies the Lodge proceeded to the Continental Hotel where the 130 members who marched over the route of parade seated themselves around the banquet table and refreshed their wearied bodies back to normal conditions. The total cost of this ceremony to Melita was $805.89; but this amount was lessened by a voluntary subscription which amounted to $503.50, leaving the amount paid out of the Lodge fund $302.39.

The last meeting held in the old Hall on Chestnut St. was on September 24, 1873, and the first meeting held in Egyptian Hall of the new Temple was on October 22. Members present, 102; visitors, 49.

March 27, 1878. A communication was received from the Grand Lodge informing the Lodge of the intention to erect an elevator in the Temple. The proposition was favorably received, and a donation of $25 made for the purpose.

At the stated meeting held March 26, 1879, the following was adopted by the Lodge:

"*Resolved:*. That the use of liquors, either malt, vinous or spirituous be prohibited at all collations and banquets, whether at the expense of the Lodge, or individually."

On Wednesday, January 28, 1880, Melita had ended its twenty-fifth year of existence, and the fact was deemed worthy of a substantial celebration. From the early years of its existence it had held a prominence in the fraternity,

and had established a reputation for exemplifying the "pure principles of the Order." The Lodge session began at 6 o'clock and the regular work occupied the time until 7:30. The following named brethren were in office at this time, and it is thought proper to give them mention:

WORSHIPFUL MASTER,
William Eiseman.

SENIOR WARDEN,
Joseph Welch.

JUNIOR WARDEN,
Thos. A. Redding.

TREASURER,
William D. Gardner.

SECRETARY,
Dennis F. Dealy,

SENIOR DEACON,
David H. Kollock.

JUNIOR DEACON,
George J. Harris.

SENIOR MASTER OF CEREMONIES,
Frank Gihon.

JUNIOR MASTER OF CEREMONIES,
Frank M. Dealy.

GUIDES,
Charles M. Betts,
Benjamin Hayllar.

PURSUIVANT,
Henry H. Fenimore.

TYLER,
Harrison G. Clark.

TRUSTEES,
Wm. Wiler, George W. Briggs, Robert B. Salter.

The session closed promptly at 7:30 and the Lodge proceeded to the large banqueting room where a table lodge was opened, and the following programme enjoyed. The Grand Officers were present and took part in Lodge ceremony.

MUSIC ..... Orchestra.

INTRODUCTORY ADDRESS by the Worshipful Master,
Brother WILLIAM EISEMAN.

HYMN ..... Led by Orchestra.

Unto Thee, Great God, belong
Mystic rites and sacred song.
Lowly bending at Thy shrine,
We hail Thy Majesty divine.

Glorious Architect above,
Source of light and source of love,
Here, Thy light and love prevail.
Hail! Almighty Master, hail!

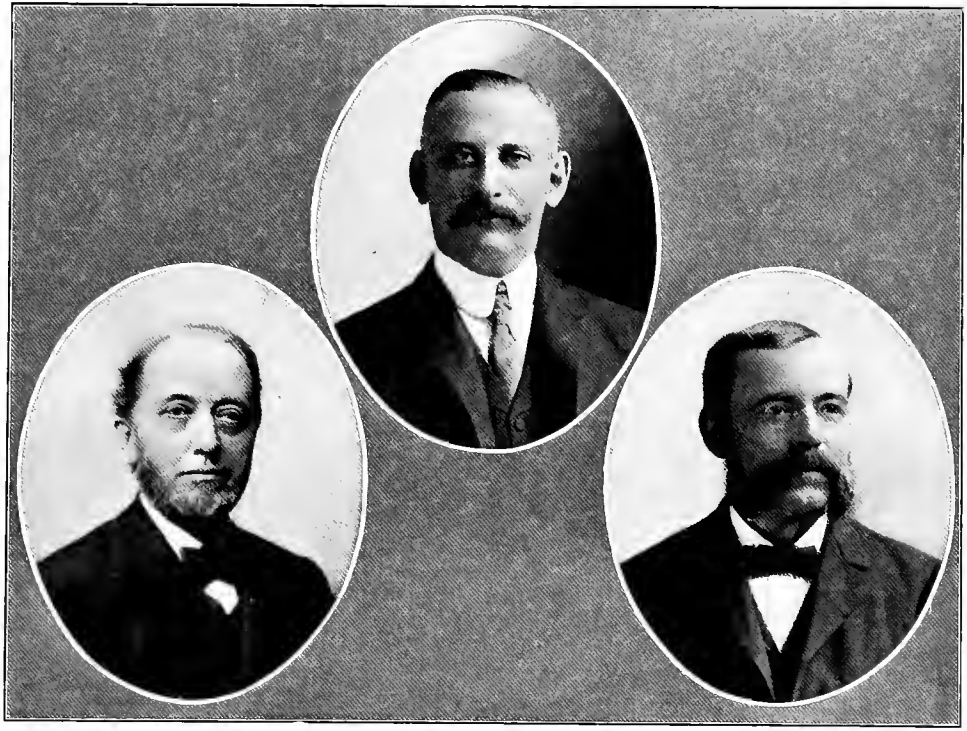
Historical sketch of the Lodge, by the Secretary,
Brother DENNIS F. DEALY.

MUSIC

ANNIVERSARY ODE.

(Composed for this occasion by Brother Dennis F. Dealy.)

Round this altar of our God,
Where we all have humbly trod,
Faith our Guide and Hope our Stay,
Trusting Thee, tho' dark the way.
Master Great, again we ask
Bless our work, Thy craftsman's task.



SENIOR WARDEN
JOSEPH WELCH.

WORSHIPFUL MASTER
WILLIAM EISEMAN.

JUNIOR WARDEN
THOMAS A. REDDING.

Temples fall and men decay.
Soon the best loved pass away.
But the seeds of Charity,
Bloom thro' all eternity.
This the field, and Thine the hand,
Find the gleaners in our band.

Bright the Past, the Present peace.
To the Future lend Thy grace.
Send Thy sunshine, send Thy dew,
Make us worthy, keep us true.
Among the chosen, loved and blest,
Let Melita be the best.

Closing Ceremonies.

Music by the Orchestra.

One hundred and forty-four members of Melita participated in this event, together with twenty-nine visiting brethren. Sixty-six of this number are still members, and, as previously stated, forty-six of them are present on this occasion.

June 27, 1882, was the date of the sesqui-centennial celebration of the Grand Lodge. One hundred and fifty-one members of Melita participated in this event and marched in the procession under Brother Thomas A. Redding, Worshipful Master. Afterward the Lodge proceeded to the Colonnade Hotel where a sumptuous banquet was provided. The celebration cost $597.70 of

which the sum of $284 was contributed by members of the Lodge.

March 28, 1883. A communication was received suggesting the establishment of a Masonic Home, and asking the association of Melita in the project. It was heartily approved and a committee appointed.

June 27, 1883. It was announced at this meeting that the Grand Lodge had passed a resolution approving of the establishment of a Masonic Home, by the appointment of a committee of fifteen to meet with the committees appointed by various lodges to carry the project into execution.

March, 1884. On this date Melita became a member of the Masonic Home Association and appointed Brother Past Master Wm. R. Hortz as its representative.

February, 1886. At this meeting Brother Hortz reported that the property on North Broad St. had been secured for the uses of a Masonic Home, and that fourteen inmates were comfortably quartered. The Lodge donated one hundred dollars. June, 1886. Brother John Chapman of Jordan Lodge, No. 1402, of Forquay, England, delivered a lecture before Melita Lodge on the Pyramids. The lecture was illustrated by the use of a magic lantern.

October 27, 1886. The Lodge assembled in Corinthian Hall to celebrate "The Centennial Anniversary of

the Sovereignty and Independence of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania, and Masonic Jurisdiction thereunto belonging."

There were 110 members and 70 visitors in attendance. Past Master Chas. E. Meyer delivered an address on "A Century with the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania."

Brother Dennis F. Dealy also read the history of Melita Lodge. Both of these were ordered printed, and copies were distributed to the members of the Lodge. At the end of the exercises the Lodge retired to the banquet room and partook of refreshments.

At the stated meeting held September 28, 1887, the death of Brother Dennis F. Dealy was announced. All that has been said concerning Brother McCrory and Brother Yerkes can safely be said of him. His death was a great shock to the members. The estimation in which he was held was shown by the large number of members who attended his funeral. At this meeting a communication was read from Lodge No. 51, relative to forming an Art Association. Past Master Jas. I. Wright was appointed a delegate to represent Melita.

November, 1887. Brother John A. Duncan was re-elected as the Worshipful Master. This was due to the fact that in December, 1886, on account of the crowded condition and continued growth of the membership of the

Grand Lodge the Ahiman Rezon was amended, so that two years' service was required to make a Past Master a life member of the Grand Lodge. This continued for two years, when the amendment was revoked.

April, 1888. The Art Association commenced the decoration of Egyptian Hall and the Lodge donated $100 towards the expense.

May, 1888. It was announced at this meeting that a member of Melita had been admitted to the Masonic Home. A discussion was had over the "Cerneau Rite" and also over the "Rite of Memphis." Each member of the Lodge answered that he was not associated with either.

June, 1889. The Grand Lodge called for benevolent action on the part of the Lodges to aid the sufferers in the Johnstown Flood. One hundred dollars was sent at once by the Worshipful Master, and the further sum of fifty-nine dollars, which was made up by the individual subscription of the members.

September, 1890. An edict of Grand Master McCalla required that candidates for advancement should be proficient in previous degrees, and pass examination in open Lodge.

February, 1891. Brothers Alfred N. Redding and Wm. S. Stewart were examined in open Lodge in the Entered Apprentice degree. Being found proficient therein

they were granted advancement. These were the first candidates examined under this rule.

March, 1893. Edict of Grand Master Arnold. That he personally knew that an examination in open Lodge caused lodge to be kept in session until an unreasonable hour. He declared that proficiency meant that a brother be able to prove himself as a Mason in the degree he has taken, which would enable him to pass an examination for admission to a lodge. That the report of the committee would be sufficient for the Worshipful Master to pass him.

In 1895 the Grand Lodge continued to call in its loans, and the Lodge authorized investment in other securities.

January, 1896. An organ was placed in Egyption Hall by Mozart Lodge, and Melita contributed $25 toward its purchase.

The minutes of April, 1896, record the first service by Melita Lodge at Masonic Home. The sermon was delivered by Past Master Rev. Joseph Welch.

In September, 1896, the by-laws were amended making dues $4 per annum to all members of twenty-one years' standing, and ordering all life members' fees into the invested funds of the Lodge.

January 27, 1897. A Masonic Mark paid for by individual subscription was presented to Brother Wm. D. Gardner, Treasurer.

May 26, 1897. At this meeting the death of Brother Past Master Robert B. Salter was announced as having occurred May 9. Universally esteemed and beloved, his funeral was large and attended by very many of the Masonic bodies to which he was attached, especially by the members of Melita. Always present at the meetings of the Lodge, mingling freely among its members, exhibiting that genial, kindly, sympathetic manner which made him not only helpful to his brethren, but a welcome visitor in any circle. He filled many of the offices of the Lodge with special faithfulness and distinction.

February, 23, 1898. The stated meeting of the Lodge took place upon this date. After the lodge closed the members retired to the banquet room where the patriotic spirit again prevailed in anticipation of a threatened war with Spain, as it was only nine days before that the "Maine" was blown up in Havana Harbor. The members joined heartily in singing "Columbia, The Gem of the Ocean," "My Country 'tis of Thee!'" "Marching Thro' Georgia," and other patriotic songs.

April 27, 1898. The Lodge convened in monthly session as usual, closed at an early hour, and repaired to the grand banqueting hall, where the jubilant spirit was again awakened in patriotic songs and addresses, as War had been declared by President McKinley, and an army

was being speedily raised to resent the insult of the sinking of the "Maine."

January 21, 1900. At this meeting a legacy of five hundred dollars received from the estate of Brother Thomas Singleton was ordered invested.

The death of Brother Wm. D. Gardner, Treasurer, accurred on August 4, 1900. The funeral was attended by a large concourse of the Lodge. He was highly esteemed for his cordial and kindly manner and bearing toward all with whom he came in contact, especially his brethren of Melita Lodge.

November 28, 1900. At this meeting the Lodge was honored by a visit of Grand Master George E. Wagner, Esquire, accompanied by several of the Grand Officers. His address was one of congratulation to the Lodge for its sterling reputation and Masonic standing and praise to the officers for the excellence of the work in conferring the degrees.

February 24, 1902. An edict was received from Grand Master Tennis requiring that a Lodge should be opened as a part of the ceremony at funerals. Melita Lodge always attended to the duties devolving upon it on such occasions, but our compliance with this order has added such a degree of solemnity and orderliness as to be most satisfactory. Our officers have ever been faithful to this last sad duty.

Fiftieth Anniversary

At the stated meeting of March 22, 1902, Brother Norman W. Witmeyer, Worshipful Master, on motion of Past Master Eiseman, it was

Resolved: "That a committee be appointed to make arrangements for the proper observance of the Fiftieth Anniversary of this Lodge."

The following brethren were appointed:

COMMITTEE ON ANNIVERSARY.

WM. EISEMAN, Chairman.

JOHN E. CHEESEMAN	DANIEL BAIRD
SAMUEL M. CLEMENT	J. FRANK ADAMS
EDWIN T. HARVIE	ADAM DEIST
WILLIAM R. HORTZ	SAMUEL SHAW
EDWARD E. JOACHIM	SAMUEL HOWITZ
GEORGE E. LONG	HENRY SHETZLINE
JOHN H. SIMON	EDWARD R. SNADER
GEORGE P. J. BRAUN	WILLIAM K. SMITH
LUCIEN M. WILER	HARRY H. HEIST
GEORGE H. LOKES	EDGAR S. MCDOWELL
THOMAS B. WATSON	GEORGE Y. SCHOCH
NORMAN W. WITMEYER	ALFRED N. REDDING
GEORGE S. ROBINSON	J. WESLEY HEINS

THOMAS A. REDDING, Secretary.

At the stated meeting of April 23, 1902, the Anniversary Committee reported that they had met and organized, by electing Past Master Wm. Eiseman, chairman; Past

Master Daniel Baird, treasurer; and Past Master Thomas A. Redding, secretary; and had appointed sub-committees as follows: On Finance, Entertainment, Souvenirs, Reception, Printing, History, Decorations, and Banquet.

September 4, 1902. A special meeting called on the death of Brother Past Master Jacob K. Thompson. His death was universally regretted, and during his last illness every effort was made to smooth his declining years.

September 24, 1902. At this meeting an edict was announced from Grand Master Edgar A. Tennis prohibiting the continuance of sessions of a Lodge after twelve o'clock.

October 23, 1902. Brother Witmeyer as Worshipful Master. At this session was celebrated the sesqui-centennial anniversary of Brother George Washington as a Mason. The exercises in the Lodge room consisted of music, singing by the brethren and addresses by Brothers Heebner and Past Master and Secretary Brother Thomas A. Redding. There was a large attendance and great interest manifested in the proceedings. At the close the Lodge proceeded to the commandery banqueting room, when a Table Lodge was opened, at which toasts were proposed and replied to by the brethren. It proved to be a very enjoyable occasion.

On account of the largely increasing Membership the Lodge finally at the Stated Meeting in November, 1903, unanimously decided to remove from Egyptian Hall to

the Corinthian Hall in the Masonic Temple, the decorating of which was then nearing completion. The first meeting held in this room was the Stated Meeting of January, 1904, with Worshipful Master George S. Robinson in the East.

The funeral of Past Master Edwin W. Kuhlemier took place February 11, 1904. It was largely attended by the members of the Lodge. Brother Kuhlemier's sudden death was a great surprise and cast a gloom over the Lodge. He was one of the youngest of the Past Masters, most earnest and zealous in the affairs of the Lodge, full of good cheer and helpfulness.

The Lodge has had but three Treasurers during the past fifty years, Brother George W. McMahon who served until 1874 when Brother William D. Gardner was elected and filled the office until his death in 1900 when our present Treasurer, Past Master Daniel Baird, was elected and continues at the present date in discharge of the duties of this responsible position.

Retrospecting the past and counting by decades we find the invested funds to be

In January,	1865	$ 2,600
" "	1875	8,200
" "	1885	8,200
" "	1895	9,200
" "	1905	12,625

Applying the same test as to membership, at the close of:

1855	Number of members	65	
1865	" "	205	
1875	" "	243	
1885	" "	249	
1895	" "	305	
1905	" "	423	
No. at the twenty-fifth anniversary		227	
No. at the fiftieth anniversary		423	
Total number received from all sources			840
" "	deceased	206	
" "	resigned	56	
" "	suspended	155	
			417
Total number of members, December 27, 1904			423

The Lodge can be congratulated on the large number of the sons of members who have sought to travel the way in which their fathers have traveled, and have gained admission to the Lodge. Also in the fact that the large majority of those who gained admission during the past five years are young men full of life and vigor, deeply interested in the welfare of the Lodge, and capable to take up and administer its affairs, maintaining its standard of

worth and excellence. It is a great satisfaction to us who have passed the meridian of life to know that there is an element of strength and vitality in our ranks, and upon this we have every reason to hope for a future of Melita Lodge which shall still further increase in power, interest and usefulness.

The *personnel* of Melita Lodge has always been of a distinctive type. Men of progressive thought, probity of character and stalwart moral purpose have predominated. Their influence and example has been exerted upon their associates with such force as to incite a generous emulation, as suggested by Bro. Fox in his address, "as to who can best serve and best agree." This class of men, have from the first, constituted our membership, and as may readily be inferred, many of them have been chosen to fill positions of trust in our community. Out of the charter list of six names Bro. Charles Gilpin was honored by his fellow citizens with the position of Mayor of our great City, and Bro. William Elliott elected High Sheriff of the County. Many others could be named who have filled positions of trust and confidence in the affairs of City, State and Nation. This, of course, has been a cause of gratification to those selected, which has been shared by the entire membership of the Lodge. This quiet atmosphere of good fellowship has proved a magnet to very many persons who have sought association and membership in Melita Lodge.

In looking back over the fifty years just closed, we find, as is always the case, that a few unworthy men managed to gain an entrance into the Lodge, but in each case their shortcomings were made known, and expulsion soon followed.

Melita has always stood for uprightness of character, trueness of heart and rectitude of conduct. Charity has been given with a free hand; not only that charity represented by a dole of money, but a brotherly feeling of commiseration over the misfortunes of suffering; one which cannot be counted by dollars and cents, and can only be measured by the standard of—"Inasmuch as ye did it to one of the least of these my brethren, ye did it unto Me!"

The true principles of Free Masonry have been upheld within these tyled precincts for fifty years. Every thoughtful brother must confess that the influence of these surroundings has had its effect in moulding true character. Here we have met and associated with men of broad, honest, sterling worth, whom we have felt better for knowing. Who that has come into contact with such men as Dealy, Salter, Gardner, Thompson, Scott, Kuhlemeier, and a host of others whose names could be mentioned, but feel that there comes a warmth over the heart when their memory is recalled, and we realize that we are better men by reason of meeting with them within the Lodge room. All honor to the earnest men who organ-

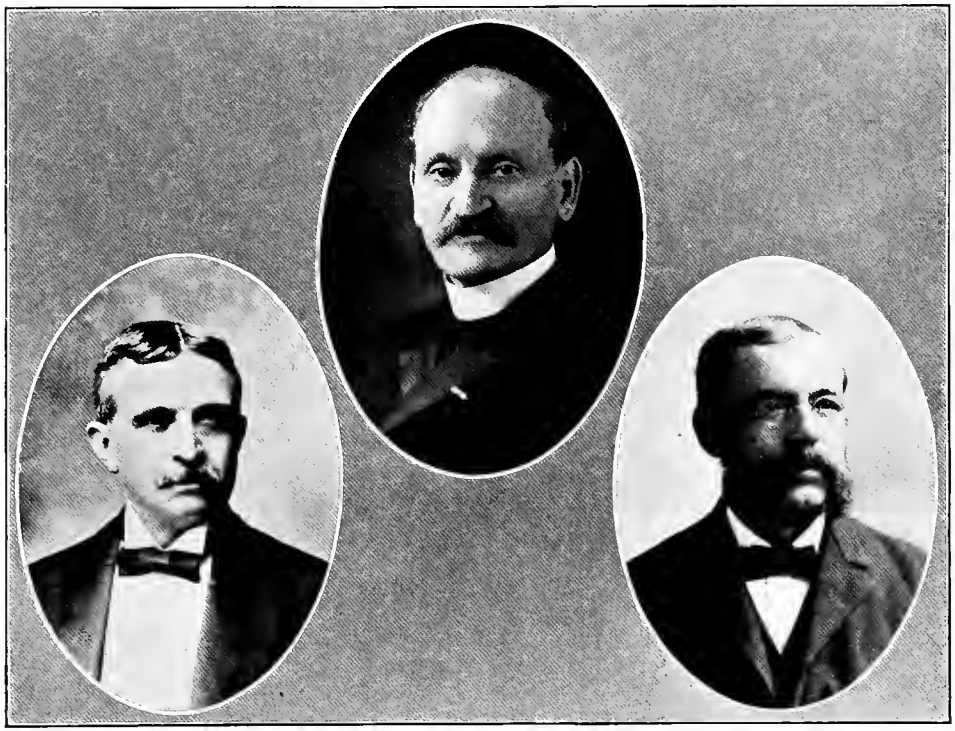
ized Melita Lodge; all honor to those who came after them and in the day of their strength carried on the work until it has reached the honored position it now occupies. We have every ground of hope and assurance that this position will be maintained and upheld.

And now in closing I cannot do better than quote again the words of that first Worshipful Master when he said:

"My brethren we have in all this great cause for congratulation, and great encouragement for well doing, and I trust that our labors hereafter as heretofore, may produce good fruit and be accepted not only by our Grand Master, but by our Great Grand Master, the Supreme Architect of the Universe, The Omnipotent, The Omniscient, and The Omnipresent."

Standing on this side of a half century of existence, Melita Lodge casts a glance backward through these years, and gathers from them a throb of satisfaction and inspiration for the future. No cause for regret, but rather for rejoicing, for all is well.

This review brings to our recollection the long chain of friendly association and mutual confidence in ties of fellowship formed within the sacred precincts of the Lodge, which could not have been duplicated anywhere else on the earth. Where else could the purity of friendship be cultivated in so rich a degree? Where else could it be maintained to as perfect devotion as here, under the inspiration of the spirit of Free Masonry?



THE COMMITTEE.

GEORGE H. LOKES. JOHN G. HUNTERSON. THOMAS A. REDDING.

The past years have proved a fertile record of these conditions. A review of the names of the deceased members who have fallen out of this chain of good fellowship, will revive these promptings, and remind us of the close tie,—which even now as ever before,—holds the Lodge in fervent congenial association!

SO MOTE IT EVER BE!

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. HUNTERSON,
GEORGE H. LOKES,
THOMAS A. REDDING,
Committee.

PAST MASTERS

Harman Yerkes [d]
William E. Harpur [d]
Charles Gilpin [d]
William Elliott [d]
John M. Coleman [d]
Henry L. Sinexon [d]
Benjamin C. Brooker [d]
John J. Foster [d]
Leonard R. Fletcher [d]
Henry C. Baton
Charles E. Meyer
Absalom Taylor [d]
Dennis F. Dealy [d]
Robert B. Salter [d]
Frank Mills [d]
George W. Scott [d]
Henry R. Lawrence
Robert H. Pattison [d]
Samuel M. Clement
James I. Wright
Jacob K. Thompson [d]
James M. Stewart [d]
John Dolman [d]
John H. Dye [d]
Gilbert Carns
William Eiseman
Joseph Welch
Thomas A. Redding
Charles M. Betts [d]
Benjamin Hayllar
William R. Hortz
Frank M. Dealy
John A. Duncan
Edward E. Joachim
Edwin T. Harvie
Daniel Baird
Adam Deist
J. Frank Adams
Samuel H. Howitz
John E. Cheeseman
Samuel Shaw
Joseph C. Gaither
Edward W. Kuhlemeier [d]
Robert H. Nones
Dillman G. Rosenberger
Albert H. Johnson
Norman W. Witmeyer
Alfred N. Redding
George S. Robinson
John R. Fox
Fred. F. Quicksall

LIFE MEMBERS

J. C. Atkinson
Henry C. Baton
Frank Bayle
William J. Bauer
Albert Baney
Thomas Sleyler, Jr.
William H. Castle
John E. Cheeseman.
Adam Deist
William H. Deitz
William Eiseman
Fred'k Gutekunst
Hartman K. Gilmore
John C. Hunterson
Henry Heins
William R. Hortz, Sr.
Philip S. Hortz
Franklin Hoyt
Julius A. Heck
J. Wesley Heins
Noah James
John J. Krider
Edward W. Laskey
Jesse L. Leach
Albert Legg
Mayer I. Lifshetz
David S. Mathers
Charles E. Meyer
Charles R. Miller
John McLernon
Albert A. Norris
Wesley H. Paramore
Richard Peltz
M. N. Phillips
Charles C. Rankin
Philip R. Schuyler
Samuel Shaw
Charles H. Voigt, Sr.
Edward H. Voigt
Charles H. Voigt, Jr.
Wesley Williams
Henry Wittmann
James I. Wright

MEMBERS

The date is of initiation; A., is Admitted from another Lodge; R., Resigned; E., Expelled; E. A., First Degree; F. C., Second Degree; S., Suspended; G. M. S., not members, but in good Masonic standing; D., Deceased.

Harman Yerkes, D. ..... Charter Member.
William E. Harpur, D. .....
Charles Gilpin, D. .....
George W. McMahan, D. .....
William Elliott, D. .....
Robert McCrory, D. .....
Alfred J. White, S. ..... March 28, 1855
George Cooke, A.—R. ..... April 25,
Hugh Hawkins, D. .....
John J. Foster, D. .....
Robert Thompson, D. .....
Alfred M. Herkness, A.—D. ..... May 23,
Samuel McManemy, A.—D. .....
John M. Coleman, A.—D. .....
William M. Ogden, R. .....
George Murgitory, G. M. S. .....
William Nassau, Jr., S. .....
John Noble, A.—S. .....
Joseph B. Craig, A.—D. .....
Samuel Kiker, E. ..... June 27,
George W. Briggs, D. .....

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Samuel Wallace, D.....June 27, 1855
David Matthews, D.....
Thomas McManemy, D.....
Thomas McGrath, E. A.—S.....July 25,
W. J. H. Verdette, D.....
Charles Frank, S.....
William Hodgson, S.....
Jeremiah Nichols, D.....
David Wilson, D..... 30,
Thomas W. Wallace, D.....
Thomas W. Price, D.....August 22,
William J. Sheldrake, D.....
Leonard R. Fletcher, D.....
William Divine, Jr., S.....Sept. 5,
William Irvine, S.....
William P. Stewart, F. C.—R.....
Jacob K. Ritter, D..... 26,
George H. Whitaker, D.....
S. B. Dumont, R.....
William H. Bowdoin, R.....
Richard Peltz.....
Thomas Balch, A.—S.....
Robert B. Salter, A.—D.....
Jacob Knorr, D.....October 5,
Daniel W. Hutchin, S.....
Andrew M. Spangler, S.....
J. Y. B. Damont, S.....
Volney J. Frazer, E. A.—D..... 24,
Albert Stewart, D.....
Samuel E. Kister, D.....

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Anthony W. Penrose, D. . . . . October 24, 1855
Sylvester Crout, D. . . . . .
John B. Whitaker, S. . . . . Nov. 14,
Henry L. Sinexon, D. 28,
Israel C. Gillespie, D. . . . . .
Isaac B. Kimble, E. A.—S. . . . . .
John McAbee, S. . . . . .
Israel Amies, G. M. S. . . . . .
Adam Eckfeldt, D. . . . . Dec. 12,
J. W. T. McCallister, D. . . . . .
John M. Rush, S. . . . . .
William Nuttall, E. A.—S. . . . . .
Thomas Gray, S. 26,
John F. Rodes, S. . . . . .
Job Harris, S. . . . . .
William F. Hansell, A.—S. . . . . .
Abraham Myers, D. . . . . .
George A. Coffey, A.—D. . . . . .
Charles F. Kessler. . . . . January 9, 1856
William Hacker, R. 23,
Mahlon P. Hutchinson, S. . . . . Feb. 27,
Joseph Mirkel, D. . . . . .
Dennis F. Dealy, D. . . . . March 26,
Edward S. Rowand, R. . . . . .
S. S. Mann, S. . . . . .
Charles Vanwinkler, S. . . . . .
John R. Worman, R. . . . . .
Henry C. Baton. . . . . April 23,
Moses L. Hyneman, G. M. S. . . . . .
Charles W. Beck, S. . . . . .

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Joseph Heritage, D.....May 28, 1856
George W. Fox, S.....
Banner Thomas, D.....
Philip Trotter, S.....October 22,
Benjamin C. Brooker, D.....
Willard J. King, D.....Nov. 26,
Peter Armbruster, D.....
William Wolbert, G. M. S.....
Upton R. Moore, R.....
Gustavus Pellman, E. A.—S.....January 28, 1857
William A. Duff, D.....
Daniel G. Thomas, D.....
Julius B. Allen, D.....Feb. 25,
Theodore Blackwell, S.....
Thomas Smith, S.....
William R. Smith, S.....
Henry Bartling, G. M. S.....
William E. Cook, A.—R.....
Charles F. Stadiger, D.....March 25,
James S. Cromwell, S.....
Joseph M. Badger, F. C.—S.....April 22,
C. H. Hodson, S.....
John G. Miller, S.....May 27,
James Fox, E. A.—S.....June 24,
John Murray, S.....Sept. 23,
Richard Park, D.....
Theophilus Stahler, S.....Nov. 11,
John H. Wyle, S.....
William C. Ervin.....
Alfred Weschler, D.....

James R. Gaskins, S.....Nov. 25, 1857
James Matthews, S.....
Charles W. Duke, S.....Dec. 23,
Charles W. Wood, G. M. S.....January 27, 1858
Richard Glassen, S.....
C. Eng. Claghorn, G. M. S.....
James T. Stover, S.....Feb. 24,
George W. Watson, D.....
Thomas James, Jr., F. C.—S.....
Jesse L. Leach.....
Frederick Lambert, S.....May 26,
John R. Senior.....
William Penrose, Jr., S.....June 23,
Philip R. Schuyler, D.....July 28,
Hiram Stimmel, D.....Sept. 27,
Thomas K. Conrad, G. M. S.....
James M. Gibson, S.....October 27,
John J. Stadiger, D.....
Walter Ross, D.....Nov. 24,
W. B. R. Selby, D.....Feb. 23, 1859
Absalom Taylor, D.....March 23,
Alfred R. Davis, D.....
Martin Rizer, S.....
Joseph Benison, D.....April 27,
James B. Boone, E. A.—D.....
David Henderson, D.....
Edward Buckley, D.....May 10,
Hiram Focht, R.....
William D. Nassau, S.....June 22,
William A. Babcock, G. M. S.....

Archibald Ritchie, S.....July 27, 1859
John H. Parker, S.....
Jacob K. Thompson, D.....
John Dolman, D.....August 24,
John A. McDowell, F. C.—G. M. S.....Sept. 28,
Samuel N. Foster, S.....
William Cooper, D.....October 26,
George Shibe, D.....
Albert Warner, D.....
William King, S.....
George Erety, D.....
Kenneth Jewell, D.....Nov. 30,
William F. Johnson, S.....January 25, 1860
C. Eugene Meyer.....
T. George Morton, G. M. S.....
Joseph Patton, D.....
Jas. E. Flemming, E. A.—S.....
Charles E. Ristine, D.....Feb. 22,
Edwin F. Moore, D.....
Jacob Snare, D.....March 28,
R. Penn Smith, G. M. S.....
John F. Curry, D.....
Calvin H. Test, D.....
James Robinson, D.....April 25,
Joseph B. Tevis, D.....May 3,
E. Weld Thayer, S..... 23,
Charles Newhouse, S.....June 27,
Joseph Moore, Jr., D.....July 25,
James Neill, R.....
Joseph Q. Harris, F. C.—S.....

Fiftieth Anniversary

Robert H. Bennett, S.	August	22,	1860
Charles O'Neill, D.	Dec.	26,	
Henry F. Geyer, R.	January	23,	1861
W. Foster, S.	August	28,	
A. Robert Roseman, S.	Nov.	27,	
Joseph Money, D.	Dec.	25,	
David Foy, D.	January	22,	1862
James W. Blaylock, S.	Feb.	26,	
John R. Tobin, R.			
James Shaw, D.	August	27,	
Samuel J. Creswell, D.	January	28,	1863
William Anck, D.			
James R. Stanley, R.	Feb.	25,	
William Wiler, D.			
William G. McMichael, D.			
Thomas F. Duffield, S.	April	22,	
John H. Peterson	May	27,	
James D. Alberger, D.	Sept.	23,	
Anthony Eshner, D.	October	28,	
George W. Scott, D.	Nov.	25,	
John Fullerton, D.			
Charles Couture, S.			
Samuel M. Clement	January	27,	1864
Frank Mills, D.			
William Burney, G. M. S.			
J. Eldon Salter, R.			
John H. Kinsley, D.			
Henry Francis, S.	Feb.	24,	
Jacob L. Asay, R.	March	23,	
Richard A. Poulson, S.			

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Charles R. Miller	March	23,	1864
Owen T. Edgar, A.—R.	April	27,	
Robert Wetherill, G. M. S.			
Theodore S. Fulton, D.	May	25,	
Robert P. Johnson, D.			
William D. Gardner, D.			
William McElroy, D.			
James Flemming, D.			
William McCarter, D.	June	22,	
Henry H. Guion, S.			
J. Mason Burns, D.	July	27,	
Isaac Killian	Sept.	28,	
Joseph E. Vantine, G. M. S.	October	28,	
Wm. Leary, Jr., D.			
Patrick Devine, D.	Dec.	28,	
James I. Wright			
Isaac Keller, D.			
Samuel Harrison, D.			
William King			
Robert J. McGee, R.	January	25,	1865
John C. McManemin, D.	Feb.	2,	
William H. Deitz		22,	
John C. Hunterson			
Tobiae M. Huber, D.			
Thomas L. Vanderslice, R.			
James Perry, S.	March	22,	
Evan J. O. Fisher, S.	April	26,	
Lewis G. Reed, A.—S.			
James A. Campbell, D.	May	12,	
John Riddell, D.			

Fiftieth Anniversary

John S. Hansell, D..... May 12, 1865
Thomas B. Burns, R.....
Henry M. Palmer, R.....
Frederick Gutekunst..... 24,
Charles R. Shantz, R.....
Parker H. Bradford, D.....
Samuel D. Dailey, S..... 26,
John H. Dye, D.....
James W. Simmons, S.....
Joseph T. Wilson, Jr., R.....
Benjamin F. Harvey, D.....
Lewis F. Caron, D..... June 9,
William H. Castle..... 28,
Joseph E. Winner.....
John McClintock, R.....
Charles H. Ingram, R..... Sept. 27,
James W. Rhodes, D..... October 5,
James A. Flemming, R..... 25,
William C. Seymour, D.....
William H. Simpson, R.....
J. Milton Raab, R..... Nov. 10,
John Hirst, S.....
John T. Brooks.....
Henry Heins.....
Charles Heins, D.....
Nathan H. Levering, R..... 22,
Robert H. Pattison, A.—D.....
James H. Stevenson, A.—S.....
William L. D. Hickman..... Dec. 20,
Septimus Witmer, D.....

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Marshall McCully.....Dec. 20, 1865
Francis Luke, D.....
Henry R. Coulomb, R.....Dec. 27,
Alexander R. Cutler, D.....
Sanford M. Robison, S.....
Francis Bayle.....
Samuel Bayle, D.....
Ezra D. Wise, S.....January 27, 1866
Thomas Singleton, D.....March 28,
Isaac B. Smith, F. C.—E.....
Thomas H. Mullen, A.—D.....
Thomas A. Lancaster, D.....April 25,
Benjamin A. Wolf, R.....May 23,
Daniel Baird, D.....
Harry O'Neil, D.....
Harrison W. Eastburn, R.....
W. Alex. Bulkley, D.....
William C. McVey, A.—R.....August 22,
George B. Thomson, A.—D.....Sept. 26,
James M. Stewart, A.—D.....
James Kirkpatrick.....
Henry Holl.....October 24,
Gilbert Carns.....
Robert S. Menamin, A.—D.....Nov. 28,
William W. Creekmore, A.—D.....
Henry R. Lawrence, A.....Dec. 26,
David M. Evans, A.—S.....March 27, 1867
John K. Wright, S.....April 24,
Manuel N. Phillips.....May 22,
George H. Hulings, D.....October 23,

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Walter J. McKee, S..... October 23, 1867
Samuel W. Norris, R..... Nov. 27,
James L. Brown, S.....
Charles H. Black, D.....
James M. Sturgis..... January 22, 1868
Andrew J. DeCamp..... Feb. 26,
Amasa May, R.....
Thomas F. Harvey, R..... April 22,
Henry R. Henry, S..... May 27,
Andrew J. Maloney..... August 26,
J. Monroe Stukey, A. D..... Sept. 23,
Edward Cubberly, D.....
William R. Green, D.....
William J. McGirr.....
James P. Morrison, D..... January 27, 1869
John E. Dodd, D.....
Augustus C. Hamer, D..... March 24,
Henry C. Hamer..... April 28,
Franklin Hoyt..... June 23,
Robert Walsh, S..... Sept 22,
S. Alfred Ford, S.....
Hugh Taylor, S.....
James Rule, S.....
William H. Benckert, D.....
Thomas Culp, D..... October 27,
James Dunn, D.....
Benjamin D. Ellis, D.....
James N. Laws, G. M. S.....
Samuel Walsh, A.—S..... Nov. 24,
James Odgers, D..... January 26, 1870

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Thomas T. Rockett..... January 26, 1870
George Michtle, D..... May 25,
George W. Nixon, S.....
John H. Roach.....
William F. Heininger, S..... June 22,
James C. Oliver, A.—S..... October 26,
J. Prentis Tuckerman, R..... Dec. 28,
Martin V. B. Musselman, D.....
Henry Wittman.....
George C. Wilkins, D..... Feb. 22, 1871
William T. Tripple.....
Harry W. Bevan, S..... March 22,
William H. Dankel, S..... June 8,
Joseph E. Weiss, D..... Sept. 27,
John W. Coleman,.....
Nathaniel B. Briggs, S..... October 25,
Joseph Donnelly, D.....
William Eiseman..... Dec. 27,
William Rule, S.....
Harry H. Fennimore.....
Charles W. Gessler..... January 24, 1872
Thomas D. G. Alexander..... Feb. 28,
Samuel Troth, Jr., D..... March 27,
James W. Gannon, S..... April 24,
William J. Cochrane, R.....
James M. Tripple..... Sept. 25,
William P. Howell, A.—D..... October 23,
John W. Benckert.....
Edgar S. McDowell.....
Joseph Fitzell, R.....

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Charles M Banks, S..... October 23, 1872
William Evans, D..... Nov. 27,
Robert Henderson, R.....
David Mullen, D.....
William R. Hortz..... January 22, 1873
Philip S. Hortz.....
E. E. Joachim.....
Frederick W. Steiger, G. M S..... Feb. 26,
John Fredericks.....
F. Gegenheimer, D..... March 26,
Charles M. Betts, A.—D.....
David A. Kirkpatrick, S..... April 23,
Joseph Welsh, A..... May 28,
Samuel H. Allen, R.....
Shamgar S. Hand, A.—E..... June 25,
Franklin B. Jaggard, D..... July 23,
George A. Dougherty.....
William R. Park, D.....
Savery Bradley.....
Jacob H. Smith, A.—D..... August 27,
William W. Ker, D..... Sept. 24,
Matthew Robinson..... October 22,
William H. Hutt.....
Harry C. Carpenter, (F. C.) S..... Nov. 26,
Benjamin M. Jagoe, R.....
John A. Duncan.....
Thomas Brooks, D.....
Thomas B. Watson.....
Thomas P. King..... January 28, 1874
George E. Long.....

John Wintrup..... Feb. 25, 1874
David H. Kollock.....
John D. Gaulbert, D.....
J. Wesley Bowen.....
William Walker, A. D.....
Washington A. Comly S..... March 25,
Thomas Connerton.....
Gottlieb H. Doberer, R.....
Lemuel W. Price.....
Augustus G. Ibach, D..... August 26,
Marcus Kepner, D.....
Charles Allen, D..... Sept. 23,
Charles H. Cooper, D.....
George J. Harris.....
Nathan McK. Wilson..... October 28,
Thomas A. Redding..... Nov. 25,
George T. Conrade.....
Samuel Creadick, S.....
Benjamin Hayllar, A..... Dec. 23, 1874
Jacob F. Bower..... March 24, 1875
Joseph R. Tindall.....
James M. Tatem, S.....
Wallace M. Hoffner..... May 26,
Reuben A. Shetzline.....
Henry F. Hehl.....
John C. Atkinson..... August 25,
James D. Karcher, D..... January 26, 1876
Jacob Hehl.....
De Angeli H. DeNegre, S..... Feb. 23,
William J. Sloan, S.....

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Henry Shetzline	March	22,	1876
John T. Brooks			
David H. Presker	April	26,	
Noah James	May	24,	
Charles B. Edgar			
Joseph H. Chubb	August	23,	
Richard S. Vaughan	Sept.	27,	
Joseph W. Rulon, S	October	25,	
James B. Hoffner, D	May	23,	1877
Wm. C. Cranmer	Sept.	26,	
Albert A. Norris	Nov.	28,	
Frank Gihon, D	January	23,	1878
Ferdinand H. Claiborne, S			
William Peltz	March	27,	
Houston Smith, Jr., D	April	24,	
Martin L. Kohler, R			
William M. Wiler, D	May	22,	
Charles H. Vautier, D			
Francis L. Miller, R	June	26,	
Edwin J. Buckley, D			
Charles H. Boehmler, D	August	28,	
John A. Beam	October	23,	
Joseph T. Loane	January	22,	1879
Daniel Baird, Jr.	May	28,	
Frank M. Dealy	June	25,	
Charles Wade Close	August	27,	
Charles Hehl	Sept.	24,	
Jacob Meyers	January	28,	1880
Robert Holly, D			
Frank Thurwanger, D	May	26,	

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Wm. T. McAlees..... January 26, 1881
Allen B. Rorke, D.....
Henry P. Brooks..... May 25,
William H. Costigan, G. M. S..... Sept. 28,
George W. Price, S..... October 26,
George M. Burnham, R..... Dec. 28,
Leonard Otterbach, D.....
John W. Beebe.....
Harry A. Herbott..... March 22, 1882
William Perrine.....
Joseph C. Howell, D..... April 26,
Charles Jones.....
W. H. Wallace.....
Charles C. Bowen, R.....
John Evans..... June 28,
Alan H. Reed, R.....
Alfred B. Richards.....
William N. Shivers, D..... Sept. 27,
Harry E. Winner.....
Frank Sidney..... Nov. 3,
Benjamin J. Aitken.....
Edwin T. Harvie.....
Louis Wanner, Jr..... Dec. 27,
Edward L. Mintzer, Jr., D.....
Richard Evans, R..... Feb. 28, 1883
Frederick Mann, Jr.....
William C. Stewart, D..... March 28,
James Borer, A..... April 25,
Eldridge Claiborne, D.....
Nicholas J. Rossiter, D..... Sept. 26,

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Peter H. Morad, D.....October 24, 1883
Isaiah Hall.....
Sidney Buckley, S.....
George Y. Schock, A.....Nov. 28,
Charles T. Jones.....
Samuel Hart D.....January 23, 1884
John Scanlin.....Feb. 27,
W. H. Durham.....June 25,
W. Walter Faries.....Sept. 24,
Edward A. Parker, R.....October 22,
Alvin R. Hilyard.....Nov. 26,
George M. Simpson, S.....
Herman Wolters, D.....January 28, 1885
Alfred T. Clarke, D.....Feb. 25,
George W. Wallace, D.....
Richard D. Wallace.....
Henry M. Kister.....March 25,
J. Smith Orem, D.....
Edwin Harris, D.....
William V. Runkle, D.....
Edward T. Crane, S.....
John W. Dick.....April 22,
William F. Cooper, D.....June 24,
William T. Rockett.....Nov. 25,
Archie L. Sheldon, S.....January 27, 1886
Laffya W. Stewart, S.....Feb. 24,
George E. Kimmy.....April 28,
Adam Deist.....Sept. 22,
Charles H. Voigt.....April 27, 1887
George W. Tucker, R.....October 26,

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George W. J. Allen, R.....October 26, 1887
Christian Brant, A.....Nov. 23,
William J. Miller.....Dec. 28,
John H. Jordan, R.....January 25, 1888
Henry M. Irwin.....March 28,
Harry Goodman.....April 25,
Philip M. Lutz, S.....June 27,
J. Frank Adams.....Sept. 26,
Alfred D. Wiler.....
W. Harris Seltzer.....October 24,
Moritz L. Fischer, D.....
Edward Bryant, S.....
John Q. A. Erickson, D.....Nov. 28,
Harry A. Dealy.....
Daniel Boehm.....March 27, 1889
Frank N. Forsyth.....
Charles P. Nesbitt, D.....
Charles W. Young, D.....April 24,
Louis C. Thomas, S.....June 26,
Frederick Woerner.....Sept. 25,
Frederick Koehler.....
Edward B. Joachim, R.....
John W. Whitaker.....October 23,
Henry Wilhelm.....
Frank McAvoy.....
Samuel Shaw.....Nov. 27,
Walter R. Oram, S.....January 22, 1890
John Schmidt, D.....Feb. 26,
Christian Aichele.....
William J. Baur.....March 26,

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C. Harry Showaker, S.....March 26, 1890
Samuel H. Howitz, A.....April 23,
Robert Hughes, S.....June 25,
David Dunbar.....Nov. 26,
Philip R. Schuyler.....Nov. 26, 1890
William Landis.....
Alfred N. Redding.....January 28, 1891
William S. Stewart.....
Wesley Williams.....Feb. 25,
John E. Cheeseman.....
Julius G. Weygandt.....
Lucien M. Wiler.....March 25,
William D. Gardner, Jr.....
Chas. S. Gardner.....
W. T. Birch.....May 27,
John W. Moore, A. S.....
Augustus Spicer.....June 24,
Jesse K. Himmelwright.....
William K. Smith.....Sept. 23,
Dillman G. Rosenberger.....
Henry C. Sinex, D.....
Joseph C. Gaither.....October 28,
Charles H. Shetzline.....Nov. 25,
John F. Ferguson, A.....Dec. 23,
John L. James.....January 27, 1892
Gideon C. Torbert.....
Francis Davis.....
Robert C. McNeil.....Feb. 23,
Frank S. Elliot.....
Charles Watson, D.....

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Edward W. Kuhlemeier, D.....March 23, 1892
Albert Baney.....May 25,
William T. Weir, Jr.....
Edwin S. Stanert, D.....
Cornelius E. Warner, D.....June 22,
John J. McHenry, R.....Sept. 22,
Norman W. Witmeyer.....October 26,
James S. Shoemaker, S.....
William H. Bowen, D.....October 26, 1892
George E. Ellis.....Dec. 28,
William J. Kirkpatrick, A.....
Edward Pole.....January 25, 1893
John H. Trotter, D.....
William L. Gaulbert.....
Albert H. Johnson.....
William Milnes.....Feb. 8,
Harry Stead..... " 22,
Charles H. Ott.....
Harry Beyer.....
Benjamin B. Cooper, A. R.....
John Irvine.....June 28,
Charles Burk, Jr., D.....
Morris P. Lewis, Jr.....October 25,
Daniel Laverty, E. A. D.....Dec. 27,
Harry Shetzline.....January 24, 1894
Robert H. Nones.....
Hartman K. Gilmore.....
Alexander C. McAvoy.....Feb. 28,
John W. Murgatroyd.....March 28,
Franklin D. Van Auken.....April 25,

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Maurice E. Benton	April	25,	1894
Harry H. Heist	May	23,	
Emil F. Aubel	June	27,	
John McLernon	October	24,	
Edward T. Tyson, Jr.			
William H. Schultz			
Harry E. Humphreys	Nov.	28,	
Thomas P. Lonsdale, D	Dec.	26,	
Norris S. McDowell	January	23,	1895
Henry D. Roe			
Samuel W. E. Love, R	Feb.	27,	
William A. Deist, S	March	27,	
John T. Frick			
Luther G. Terry			
Harry T. Gilmour	May	22,	
Edward Russell, D	June	26,	
William S. Kames	October	23,	
Thomas Spark			
Henry T. Humphreys	Nov.	27,	
William S. Campbell	Dec.	26,	
Ferderick E. Aubel			
Frank E. Witty			
Albert Legg			
James K. Laudenslager	January	22,	1896
Samuel W. Gadd	Feb.	26,	
George J. Riehm	March	25,	
William Oates	April	22,	
George W. Arthur	June	24,	
Andrew Ferguson	Sept.	24,	
George L. Jann	October	28,	

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William H. W. Quick.....January 27, 1897
Holford G. Jones.....Feb. 24,
Isaac Lowengrund.....March 24,
Max B. Elwert.....April 28,
A. Howard Duckett.....
Charles A. Shetzline.....October 27,
Louis Hasselbusch.....Nov. 24,
Edward Lupton.....
Wesley H. Paramore.....January 26, 1898
James U. Kreidler.....
William A. Porter.....
Albert C. Hageman.....Feb. 23,
John H. Williams, A.....March 23,
George P. J. Braun.....June 22,
George S. Robinson.....October 26,
L. James Spear.....
Charles H. Kors.....October 26,
Louis J. Dorp.....
Walter Durfor.....
John H. Simon.....October 31,
Wesley Rockett.....Dec. 28,
James R. Phillips.....
John Redstreake Fox.....
James M. Applegate.....
Rufus D. Naylor, D.....January 25, 1899
Alfred A. Faxon, A.....
Edward R. Snader.....March 22,
Reuben A. Shetzline.....May 24,
Ellerslie W. Shetzline.....
Llewellyn H. Eby.....June 28,

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Adolph Dransch, s.....June 28, 1899
George H. Lokes.....
Francis W. S. Lee.....
William E. Griffith.....Sept. 27,
Cloyde Addison Schuler.....October 25,
Julius Albert Heck.....
Edward H. Voigt.....
William C. Faber.....
Walter C. Morrison, A.....
Walter F. Shetzline.....Dec. 27,
William G. Melvin, R.....January 24, 1900
David W. Shetzline.....Feb. 28,
William F. Doyle.....
Lee W. Gray.....March 28,
George C. Norton, s.....
Henry A. Ickes.....May 23,
Frank Holman.....
Hezekiah King, s.....Sept. 26,
William C. Juram.....
Lincoln W. Williams.....October 24,
John J. Krider.....Nov. 28,
Harry L. Ogle.....
Samuel Hamilton..... 30,
Carl Kaufman.....
John Thommen.....
Addis W. Munyan.....January 23, 1901
Amos K. Geikler.....Feb. 27,
Joseph P. Snyder.....
William H. Beittenmiller, A.....
John S. McConnell, A.....March 27,

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John Van Auken..... April 24, 1901
C. Lewis Noble.....
Robert Twiggs.....
Burton C. Simon.....
Louis J. Suess.....
Mendis Lipman, A. D..... May 22,
Wm. Henry Buchman.....
John Wolfe.....
Samuel M. Clement, Jr.....
Barney R. Simons..... Sept. 25,
Theodore Willken.....
Rodman L. Betts.....
Charles W. Kirk..... October 23,
Maurice Hall.....
Harry Blair Hansbury.....
David J. Allcutt.....
Charles M. Prince..... Nov. 27,
John C. Wells, A.....
Amos Johnson.....
John Wesley Heins..... January 22, 1902
William Stern.....
Walter C. Redding..... Feb. 26,
Warren C. Holbrook.....
William H. Millard.....
Charles N. Hortz..... March 26,
William Ammann, R.....
John H. Sinberg..... April 23,
Fred Sharp ..... May 28,
John Campbell.....
Thomas Bleyler, Jr.....

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John M. Hoover.....May 28, 1902
Charles M. Boswell.....
Alfred Heebner, A.....
Walter Silliman.....June 6,
John Gunderman..... 25,
Arnold H. Meier.....
Howard Miller.....
John Phillip Altberger.....Sept. 24,
John Franklin Sharp.....
Charles Buob, Jr.....October 22,
William F. Cushing, Jr.....Nov. 26,
Raphael L. Rosenberg.....
Robert Hetherington, A.....Dec. 24,
John E. Schoch.....January 24, 1903
Frank A. Hoppe.....
Edward W. Laskey.....
Albert Behrn.....
Clayton G. Fritz.....January 28,
Charles L. Smethurst.....
William R. Hortz, Jr.....
Philip H. Hortz.....
David S. Mathers.....
Walter L. Paull.....Feb. 13,
David H. Schuyler, Jr., D.....
Joseph McGaghey.....
Thos. F. MacAdams.....
Charles P. Stroh.....
Harry W. Irwin.....Feb. 25,
George A. Hulings.....
Robert Walters.....

James Glover, A.....Feb. 25, 1903
G. Henry Bickley.....March 25,
Richard S. Green.....April 22,
Frank H. Tuft.....
Chas. N. Gimberling.....
Eugene G. Bleck.....
Charles C. Hahl.....
Mayer I. Lefshetz.....May 27,
Samuel H. Beamer.....
David McAfee.....
George W. Gallager, Sr.....
John L. Price.....
Samuel G. Hewitt.....June 24,
Walter F. Schenck.....
John G. Wilson.....
Thomas May Peirce, Jr.....
David B. Schoch.....
Frank H. Myers.....
William H. Wolter.....
Frank H. Cope.....Sept. 23,
William S. Higbee.....
Samuel F. Irwin.....
Charles S. Schofield.....
William Brancher.....
Samuel Hubball.....October 9,
Clarence G. Summers, Jr.....
J. Howard Wilson.....
Charles H. Voigt, Jr.....
Geo. T. Kirkpatrick.....October 28,
Chester F. Appleton.....

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Burton T. Kyle.....October 28, 1903
Robert Williams.....
Charles Clappier.....
George F. Logan.....Nov. 25,
J. Rhea Craig, Jr.....
George M. Banks.....
Hugo J. Nickel.....
Albert C. Dietrick.....
Thomas E. Sollers, A.....Nov. 25,
Benjamin F. Tamney.....Nov. 27,
Harry W. Moore, A.....
John G. Geyss.....Dec. 15,
Clarence S. Nesbitt, A.....Dec. 23,
John V. Spruance, A.....
John Atlee.....Jan. 13, 1904
Harry C. Largeman.....
John K. Freiot.....
Charles C. Rankin.....
Charles I. Clegg.....Jan. 27,
Samuel T. Doyle.....
William G. McCarter.....
Alexander J. Whittingham.....
George W. Gallager, Jr.....Feb. 24,
Winfield D. Pallatt.....
Henry J. Holl.....
Joseph A. Buckwalter.....
Thomas P. Read.....March 23,
Henry J. Llewellyn.....
James C. McLarin, A.....
George Hoffman.....May 25,

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Alexander Irvine.....May 25, 1904
George H. Bastian.....
Henry S. Bastian, Jr.....
Louis C. Bechtle, A.....
Albert Forderer.....June 22,
W. Clinton Moore, A.....
Charles N. McGahey, A.....
Louis C. Fairchild, A.....
William E. Crouch.....Sept. 28,
Henry Goldner.....
William C. K. Walls.....
Robert Coates.....
Lewis K. Lockard, A.....
David H. Kollock, Jr.....October 26,
John T. Brooks, Jr.....
William E. Myers, Jr.....
Robert G. Weir.....
Samuel Kreps.....
Fred. F. Quicksall.....Nov. 23,
William D. Jones.....Dec. 9,
Charles I. Patton.....
Crawford J. Kames.....
Lot Boardman.....
Daniel Nicolai.....
John E. Bradley.....Dec. 28,
David H. Simon.....
William H. Young.....
George W. MacIntyre.....
James S. Holmes, A.....
Franklin D. Wieand, A.....Jan. 25, 1905

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Alfred Thornley.....Feb. 10, 1905
Arba M. Pennington.....
Garrett V. Clark.....
Charles H. Simon.....
Joseph A. Reteneller.....
William Lienberger.....Feb. 22,
William S. Shallcross.....
G. Mayland Arthur.....
Herman J. Ware.....
Charles R. Jones.....
Charles F. Hahn, A.....March 22,
Graham W. Long, A.....
Reuben E. Goho.....
James S. McCaulley.....
Sidney M. Weatherly.....
William R. Heins.....
Sidney D. Conwell.....
D. Walter Morton.....March 24,
Paul Thommen.....
Morris M. Von Moskovitz.....
H. Alfred Guy.....April 26,
James Chestnut.....
Grant A. Lewis.....
C. Edgar Adamson.....June 2,
Lewis S. Hall.....
Richard B. Greenwood.....
John B. Clement.....Sept. 27,
George F. Schoch.....
Henry T. Bidwell.....
Grant Cadwallader, A.....

William Robertshaw.....October 25, 1905
George B. Burnwood.....
Thomas A. Paramore.....
David W. G. Campbell.....
George R. Hocker, Jr.....
Charles F. Hartwig.....October 31.
Edward Gundermann.....
Harvey K. Gerhart.....
Henry J. Nelson.....Dec. 8,
Ralph W. Maynard.....
Thomas S. Phillips.....
George L. Megargee.....
George K. Craig.....
Duncan H. MacKenzie.....Dec. 24,
Samuel G. Finley, Jr.....Dec. 27,
Charles W. Flood.....
Edward D. Kruse.....
Frank W. Webster, A.....
Jesse W. Achey.....Jan. 24, 1906
Karl H. Mayer.....
James Ford.....
James W. McCully.....
Uriah Phillips, A.....
Albert Goldner, A.....
Charles R. Harrison.....Feb. 28,
Roland Z. Garber.....
William Salter.....
Henry A. Rowan, Jr.....
William E. Rash.....
Cornelius Hudson, A.....

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George E. Savage.....March 22, 1906
Curtis G. Dalby.....March 28,
Ernest Wilde, F. C. D.....
Charles H. Kropff.....
Robert S. De Bow, A.....
Elwood B. Moyer.....April 25,
John W. Morris.....
Louis A. Negner.....
Charles E. Evans.....
Nathan C. Graham.....
John W. Buerdsell.....May 23,
George W. Stolworthy.....
Roy Earley.....
Thomas Graham, Jr.....June 27,
George B. Irvine.....
Evans S. Mucklow.....
Emmor W. Haines, A.....
William F. Meyers, A.....
Seymour T. Percival.....October 17,
Harvey T. Schlichter.....
J. Lee Irwin.....
Walter R. Herbert.....
John W. Urly.....

Your Committee closes this volume with the hope that they have performed their task to your satisfaction, and send greetings to the Committee on the

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trusting this work will be of assistance to them in compiling the history of that event, and also expressing the fervent hope that "295" will continue to grow in numbers and prosperity.