

ANCIENT CRAFT



*Twenty-first Anniversary of the
Founding of
Ancient Craft Lodge*

943 F. & A. M.

ROCHESTER, NEW YORK

May 26, 1937

Masonic Ballroom and Cathedral Hall



DISPENSATION GRANTED MAY 31, 1916

INSTITUTED JUNE 15, 1916

CHARTERED MAY 3, 1917

CONSTITUTED MAY 24, 1917

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Second and Fourth Wednesdays

Grand Lodge Officers 1937

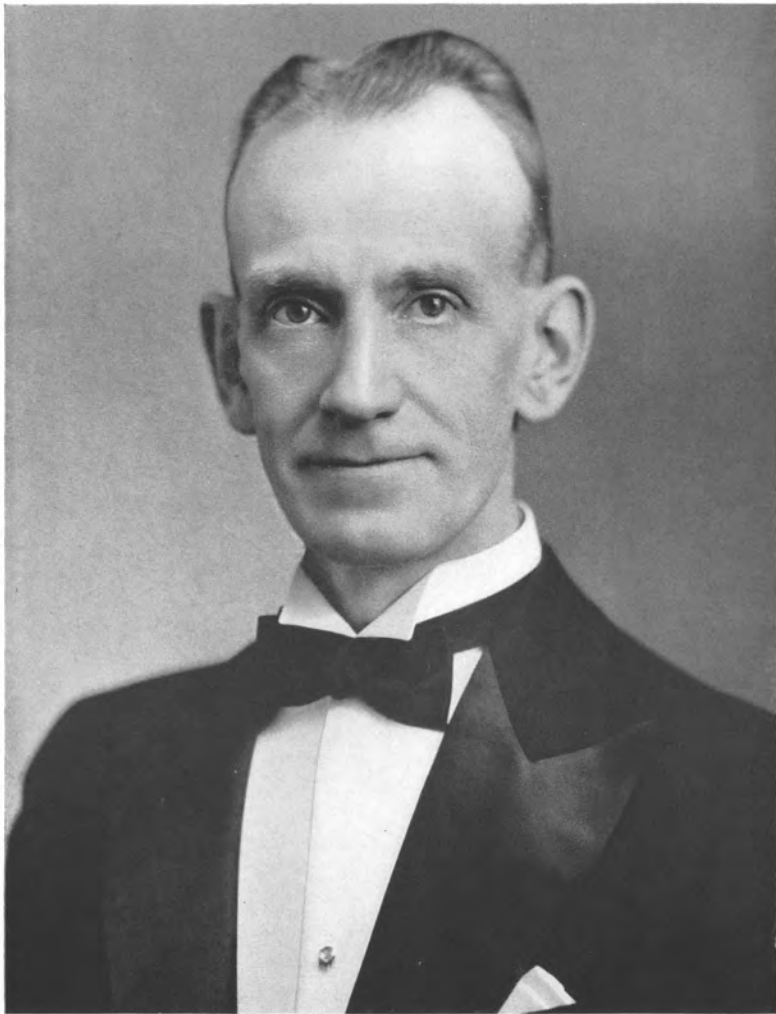
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R. W. William F. Strang, Senior Grand Warden, Rochester, N. Y.

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W. Charles C. Fairfax	Trustee
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Paul S. Paulson	Asst. Senior Deacon
Edwin Crowley, Jr.	Junior Deacon
Glen R. Piper	Senior Master of Ceremonies
Charles J. Veomett	Junior Master of Ceremonies
Harvey R. Heffron	Senior Steward
Gerald L. Covell	Junior Steward
Russell J. Schrader	Marshal
James A. Thompson	Tiler



THOMAS W. HILTON
Master, 1937

The History of Ancient Craft Lodge



1916

The history of this Lodge dates back to a memorable Saturday afternoon, that of April 22, 1916, when a small group of enthusiastic Masons met in Composite Hall in the old Masonic Temple, corner of Clinton Avenue North and Mortimer Street, for the purpose of organizing a new Masonic Lodge. The meeting was called to order at 2:30 o'clock with Wor. Bro. Ansel E. Beckwith, Master of Seneca Lodge 920, and president of the Ruling Masters' Association, acting as temporary Chairman. The first order of business was the selection of a name. "Ancient Craft" was suggested by Bro. Edward H. Keith, a member of Seneca Lodge 920 and after some discussion, the name was adopted unanimously.

The following officers were then duly elected to guide the destiny of the proposed Lodge:

For Master—Bro. Shindel G. Case, Yonnonodio Lodge 163, for Sr. Warden—Bro. Garry V. Kyle, Rochester Lodge 660, for Jr. Warden—Bro. Edward H. Keith, Seneca Lodge 920, for Treasurer—Bro. J. Herbert Kaelber, Corinthian Temple Lodge 805, for Secretary—Bro. Frederick R. Boyce, Genesee Falls Lodge 507.

Present and assisting materially at this organization meeting were: Rt. Wor. Bro. John B. Mullan, Wor. Bro. George F. Robie, Wor. Bro. Edgar F. Edwards.

The next important matter confronting this group was to secure letters of dispensation. A petition signed by 28 Master Masons was prepared and forwarded to Grand Lodge. A dispensation was granted by M. W. Bro. Thomas Penney, Grand Master, dated May 31, 1916, which permitted the embryonic Lodge and its officers to meet as a regular Lodge operating under a dispensation until April 15, 1917.

On the evening of June 15, 1916, an Emergency Grand Lodge of the State of New York was held in Ionic Hall, Masonic Temple, for the purpose of reading the dispensation. This ceremony was performed by Rt. Wor. Bro. John B. Mullan assisted by Rt. Wor. Bro. John McKie, Rt. Wor. Bro. Loren E. Mason, Rt. Wor. Bro. Ednor A. Marsh and Rt. Wor. Bro. Frederick R. Smith and 22 members of Sister Lodges. 6 petitions for degrees and 3 petitions for affiliations were read. Following this ceremony, dinner was served at the Masonic Club and speeches appropriate to the occasion were delivered by the distinguished visitors and guests, the benediction being pronounced by Rev. Bro. F. E. Bissell.

On Saturday evening, July 1, 1916, the Lodge held its first stated communication under dispensation and conferred the 1st Degree on Charles Ed-



SHINDEL G. CASE
Master, 1916-1917

ward Mudge, Clarence W. Huber, Ralph B. Shelley, Frank E. Stubbs and Charles E. Anderson, Bro. Mudge having the distinction of being the first man raised in this Lodge. A lamb skin Apron was presented to each member of this first class by Wor. Bro. William Ernisse of Frank R. Lawrence Lodge 797. Following this communication, the 1st and 2nd Degrees were conferred on several classes as the number of petitions received necessitated special meetings.

On Saturday evening, November 18, 1916, the 3rd Degree was worked for the first time. At this meeting Wor. Bro. Shindel G. Case had the pleasure of welcoming 22 Ruling Masters, and 212 visiting Brethren. Each member of the class was presented a copy of the Great Light in Masonry by Rt. Wor. Bro. David Lincoln Ferris.

1917

Entering the year 1917, on Saturday, January 20, the Lodge was honored by the visit of Rt. Wor. Bro. Richard S. Folts, D.D.G.M., of the Thirty-third Masonic District, together with Wor. Bro. James Carson, assistant Grand Lecturer, who passed upon the proficiency of the work and complimented the officers and the members on the splendid progress made. At this meeting there were 203 present.

On February 24 a special communication was held with Bro. Garry V. Kyle acting as Master, when the 1st Degree was conferred.

A special communication held March 10, Bro. Edward H. Keith acted as Master in conferring the 2nd Degree. Bro. Keith welcomed W. Bros. George C. Fichter and Ansel E. Beckwith and a number of brethren of Seneca Lodge 920.

On Saturday evening, March 31, the 3rd Degree was conferred the last time under dispensation.

On Saturday evening, April 7, which was the last day under which the Lodge operated under dispensation, the members were assembled for a "Get-Together" meeting to review the past year's accomplishments and to plan for the future. During the preceding twelve months, eleven regular and seven special communications have been held. Six classes were raised with a total of 28 initiates. The principal speaker at this meeting was Rev. Bro. Harry Greensmith, Chaplain of the Lodge. At this meeting a beautiful gold watch was presented to Wor. Bro. Shindel G. Case.

One of the outstanding accomplishments of the Lodge during the year just passed had been the formation of a Fellowcraft team of 23 Charter members. It had given an excellent account of itself and its fine showing was in a large part due to the enthusiasm of the members and the efforts of Bros. Edward H. Keith and W. Roy Wolf, who organized and drilled the team. Unquestionably the success so clearly demonstrated was brought about by the friendly interest and helpful suggestions of the many friends of the Lodge.

In pursuing the business of the Lodge, the social and recreational side was by no means neglected. At the Masonic Club on June 15, 1916, a dinner was held following the Institutional ceremonies. This most pleasant affair

was attended by Grand Lodge Officers and Masters of 9 Rochester Lodges, the Charter members of Ancient Craft and many guests. On this memorable occasion, as on many others to follow, Wor. Bro. Shindel G. Case demonstrated his ability as a toastmaster.

Later in June a number of the Charter members visited Penfield Lodge 154 and on July 6 were guests of Webster Lodge 538.

The outing held at the old Newport House at Irondequoit Bay, at which occasion the members were accompanied by their ladies, was undoubtedly the most outstanding social event of that year.

On the evening of January 29, 1917, the first "Ladies' Night" was held in the old Auditorium. Dancing, cards and luncheon made up the entertainment.

On March 12 the Officers and their wives completely surprised W. Bro. Case, who had just moved into his new home, and in appreciation of his labors on behalf of the Lodge, presented to Bro. and Mrs. Case a beautiful mahogany floor lamp.

By May 24, 1917, Ancient Craft Lodge had answered the first call of the President for volunteers to participate in the World War. The first to enlist were Bros. Horton O. Van Etten and Edgar L. Shuford, and many others following in the succeeding weeks.

At the 136th annual communication of Grand Lodge held May 1st, 1917, in the city of New York, M. W. Bro. Thomas Penney, Grand Master, authorized the granting of a Charter to Ancient Craft Lodge to be known and designated as No. 943. Ancient Craft was represented by W. Bro. Shindel G. Case and W. Bro. Frederick R. Boyce.

Thursday evening, May 4, 1917, the Lodge opened for the first time under its Charter. An Altar Bible was presented to the Lodge on behalf of the Dispensation Class. A silk flag was presented on behalf of the Fellowcraft Club by Bro. W. Roy Wolf, president of the Club.

At the meeting on June 2 communications were read from W. M. Bro. Thomas Penney, Grand Master, Rt. W. Bros. John B. Mullan and Richard S. Folts, thanking the officers and members for their being elected to honorary membership.

At the meeting held June 16, an invitation was received from Grand Lodge to attend the ceremonies in connection with the celebration of the 200th anniversary of the first Grand Lodge in England. This celebration was to be held in the Masonic Hall in Utica on St. John's Day, June 24, 1917. Approximately fifty members attended this ceremony. At this same meeting the Lodge made its first contribution in connection with the World War. Twenty-five dollars was voted to the Red Cross and the Y. M. C. A., and one \$100 Liberty Bond was purchased. Bro. Frank Stubbs was presented a suitably inscribed wrist watch, as he was the first member of Ancient Craft Lodge to actually leave for service. The custom of the presentation of watches was adopted and carried out to all men who enlisted in the several branches of the service. At this meeting it was announced that Bros. Arthur Rathjen, Dr.

Ralph H. Wickens, Clayton D. Hutchins and Charles C. Robertson were about to leave the city for their respective assignments in the Army and Navy.

On the evening of September 1, 1917, W. Bro. Ansel E. Beckwith, a Past Master of Seneca Lodge 920, was elected to honorary membership.

At the regular meeting on the evening of September 15, a communication was read from the Grand Master to the effect that any Lodge applying for a special dispensation could initiate more than 5 candidates, and to give the 2nd and 3rd Degrees to the same candidate in less than the constitutional two weeks, with the understanding that the candidate was actually in the service of the United States Army or Navy. This edict further permitted the acceptance of sons of Masons under the voting age and who were also in the service. The Lodge at this time passed a resolution empowering the Grand Master to create Field and Sea Lodges.

It was announced at this meeting that every Mason in the State of New York would be asked to contribute \$5.00 to a fund to be used for the relief of Widows and Orphans of Masons, who may be killed or wounded during the war.

At the regular meeting held December 1, 1917, a formal application was received, signed by 26 Master Masons living in the City of Rochester, making application to form a new Lodge to be designated as Zetland Lodge. This application was acted upon favorably and at a later date, Ancient Craft had the privilege of examining the Officers of this Lodge and passed on their proficiency. The three principal Officers of this newly formed Lodge were Bros. Esten A. Fletcher, William E. Kohlmetz and Raymond E. Westbury. At this same meeting W. Bro. Louis A. Keil, a member of Occidental Lodge 766 of Buffalo was elected to honorary membership.

At the annual communication held September 15, 1917, W. Bro. Shindel G. Case presided over the Lodge for the last time, which Lodge he so capably guided for two years. During that period 59 men were raised to the sublime Degree of Master Mason and the membership had grown from 29 to 101 members.

The last official business of this momentous meeting was the presentation to our retiring Master of a Past Master Jewel. The presentation was made by Rt. W. Bro. Henry A. Marsh. At a later date, a suitably inscribed Past Master's Apron was also presented to W. Bro. Case.

1918

In January, 1918, the Dispensation Class held a banquet and dance in the old Teall Hall on East Avenue. Bro. Harry T. Tenney, treasurer of the Lodge, acted as toastmaster.

At the meeting held February 16, 1918, a communication was read from Anchor Lodge 424, of San Antonio, Texas, notifying the Lodge that the Degrees of Masonry had been conferred upon our candidate, Bro. Fred F. Lennox. A communication was read from Bro. Sanford B. Johnson, serving in the Signal Corps, located at Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas. At this meeting Bro. Edward H. Keith presented the Lodge with appropriate markers to be used on the Altar Bible.



CHARTER MEMBERS OF ANCIENT CRAFT LODGE NO. 943, F. & A. M.

Thursday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock, February 21, 1918, the Lodge, acting under a special dispensation, conferred the three Degrees on James G. Ramage. This unusual procedure, as stated previously, was made possible by edict of the Grand Master, as Bro. Ramage was about to leave for France.

During February the Lodge held its first Smoker, this affair taking place in Gothic Hall in the old Masonic Temple, and was exceptionally well-attended by the Brethren.

A most unusual and pleasant affair took place in Doric Room of the Masonic Temple, when Bro. Arthur E. Granneman was married by Rev. Bro. Harry G. Greensmith, then Chaplain of the Lodge, with about 25 members of Ancient Craft and their ladies in attendance.

At the communication held March 2, 1918, a letter was received from Port Royal Lodge 242 located at South Carolina that they had conferred the 1st Degree on Wilson H. DaBoll, he having previously been elected to membership in Ancient Craft, and was now with the Marine Corps, stationed at Quantico, Virginia.

At this meeting a letter was read from Grand Lodge to the effect that the Grand Lodge War and Relief Fund, which was being accumulated by voluntary contributions from members of the Craft, had reached the sum of \$92,219.

At the regular meeting held April 20, 1918, the Lodge authorized the payment of \$100 to Grand Lodge to help pay off the debt of the Masonic Temple in New York City.

On the evening of May 18, 1918, an invitation was received from Occidental Lodge 766 of Buffalo, inviting the members to attend their regular communication at which time the 3rd Degree would be conferred by our honorary member W. Bro. Louis A. Keil. A goodly number journeyed to Buffalo to attend that meeting. At this meeting, also, a letter was read from Bro. Richard A. Shreve, who was serving with distinction in the service of the Y. M. C. A., in France.

The Lodge made an additional contribution to the Rochester War Chest and Red Cross.

On Friday afternoon, May 31, the Lodge conferred the three Degrees on Bor. Rex H. Taylor, who was leaving for Officers' Training Camp.

At the communication held June 15, 1918, it was reported that 23 members of Ancient Craft Lodge were now serving in the several branches of the service and that 3 sons of members were also in the service. At this meeting it was voted to invest \$25.00 in War Savings Stamps. The Lodge had the pleasure of welcoming Bro. Fred F. Lennox, who was home on furlough, and presented him with a copy of the Great Light in Masonry, and a lamb skin Apron.

At a special communication held Thursday afternoon, June 27, Alvin Richard Keil, received his three Degrees. Bro. Keil was home on furlough from Fortress Monroe, Virginia.

On July 3 the Lodge entertained its members who were about to leave for War service at a luncheon at the Odenbach Restaurant on South Avenue.

On Thursday afternoon, July 11, 1918, three Degrees were conferred on Dr. Edward S. Amsler.

At the regular meeting held August 3, 1918, a suitably engraved wrist watch was presented to Bro. Fred T. Woodrow.

On Tuesday evening, August 14, a memorial service was conducted in memory of Arthur E. Granneman, who was reported to be the first Rochester Mason killed in action. The Rev. Bro. F. E. Bissell, Chaplain, delivered the opening prayer. Addresses were given by W. Bros. Garry V. Kyle and Shindel G. Case. The invocation was given by Rev. Bro. Harry G. Greensmith and there was special music under the direction of Bro. Elliott C. Irving.

The latter part of August, 1918, the third annual outing of the Lodge members and families was held at Corbett's Glen.

At the communication held October 5, 1918, it was voted to invest one hundred dollars of the Lodge funds for the purchase of a Liberty Bond. By vote of the Lodge, the Master was authorized to purchase and display in the Lodge Room an honor roll upon which would be inscribed the names of members in the service.

At a later meeting in October, the Lodge was visited by 79 members of Occidental Lodge of Buffalo, this being one of the largest visitations the Lodge had received up to date.

At the meeting of November 16, 1918, there was great rejoicing among the membership in that the Armistice had been signed concluding the hostilities of the World War, and the Chaplain requested the members present to stand for a moment of silent prayer.

At the annual meeting held December 21, 1918, it was announced that the widow of our late Bro. Arthur E. Granneman had adopted a French War waif and asked permission of the Lodge to adopt this boy in the name of the Lodge in memory of her late husband.

A special meeting was held on Monday evening, December 30, 1918, when the elective and appointive officers for the year 1919 were installed at the first and only public installation. The ceremonies were under the direction of Rt. Wor. Bro. Henry L. Marsh assisted by Rt. Wor. Bro. Ednor A. Marsh.

1919

The newly elective officers in 1919 found themselves confronted with considerable work, there being 21 candidates awaiting the 1st degree and 15 awaiting the 2nd and 3rd degrees, in addition to 9 applications in the hands of the Committee. During the year 47 were raised and at the end of the year there were still 25 candidates awaiting the several degrees and 20 petitions in the hands of the Committee.

In spite of intensive work during this year, the social activities of the Lodge were not neglected, for in January the Fellowcraft Club held their annual dinner in the old Osborn House. There was a fine Dinner Dance in May

held at the Powers Hotel, with the traditional Lodge Picnic in July at Grand View Beach. During May a series of dances were conducted at the Windsor Hotel under the auspices of the Fellowcraft Club.

The outstanding activities of the Lodge were the participation in the District Convention, and the Lodge membership turned out in goodly numbers and were especially complimented by the Grand Lecturer for the excellence of their work in the exemplification of the ritual. There was a visitation to Webster Lodge 538, and special meetings in honor of the members in the Insurance profession, and the employees of the Symington Company.

The officers and members were greatly interested in the formation of a new Lodge designated as Warren C. Hubbard Lodge. Four members demitted to help organize this Lodge; namely, Bros. S. Rae Hickok, Ernest Petry, Willard J. Smith and Rev. Harry G. Greensmith.

A goodly number of members joined the pilgrimage to Utica for the laying of the corner stone of the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hospital.

During this year, the Lodge was incorporated and the first roster of membership was issued. Initiation fee at this time was raised from \$75 to \$100 and affiliation fee from \$10 to \$25.

In mid-year there was considerable agitation in connection with changing our meeting night from Saturday to Tuesday, but no definite action was taken at that time.

In March the Lodge was saddened by the untimely death of Bro. Carl Furstenberg, who had served in the United States Navy and was accidentally killed on his way home after his discharge.

During this year, Bro. Edward H. Keith was instrumental in bringing to fulfillment the organization of Craftsman Lodge 969, of which Lodge he was made an honorary member.

The Lodge was officially visited by Rt. W. Bro. Wallace W. Rayfield, D. D. G. M.

The closing event of 1919 was known as Returned Soldiers Night, when honor was paid to 31 members and 5 sons of members who responded to the call of their country during the World War.

1920

The year of 1920 brought to the position of Master Bro. Arthur Rathjen, who, with his associate officers, Bro. George C. Hunt and Bro. Ralph H. Wickens, had the responsibility of carrying on the work started by the original elective officers who now were all known and honored as Past Masters.

The first order of business at the first meeting during the year—an order was drawn on the Treasury for \$25 on behalf of the Near East Relief Fund.

A letter was received from Grand Lodge reminding the Brethren that January 6, 1920 was the first anniversary of the passing of our distinguished Brother, the late Theodore Roosevelt.



Sit lux, et lux fuit.

Thomas Penny
William S. Farmer
Arthur S. Tompkins

GRAND MASTER.
DEPUTY GRAND MASTER.
SENIOR GRAND WARDEN.
JUNIOR GRAND WARDEN.

We, The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS, OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, in Ample Form Assembled, according to the Old Constitutions, regularly and solemnly established under the Auspices of PRINCE EDWIN, at the City of York, in Great Britain, in the year of Masonry, 4926, viz.:

THE MOST WORSHIPFUL
THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL
THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL
THE RIGHT WORSHIPFUL

Thomas Penny
George J. Jackson
William S. Farmer
Arthur S. Tompkins

Grand Master.
Deputy Grand Master.
Senior Grand Warden.
Junior Grand Warden.

Do, by these Presents, appoint, authorize, and empower our worthy Brother *Shindel S. Case* to be the Master; our worthy Brother *Garry W. Royle* to be the Senior Warden; and our worthy Brother *Edward H. Keith* to be the Junior Warden, of a Lodge of FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS, to be by virtue hereof, constituted, formed, and held in *Rochester, County of Monroe,*

State of New York which Lodge shall be distinguished by the name or style of *Ancient Craft Lodge* *No 943* and the said Master and Wardens, and their successors in Office, are hereby respectively authorized and directed, by and with the Consent and Assilance of a majority of the Members of the said Lodge, duly to be Summoned and present upon such Occasions, to ELECT and INSTALL the officers of the said Lodge as Vacancies happen, in manner and form as is, or may be, prescribed by the CONSTITUTION of this GRAND LODGE.

And further, the said Lodge is hereby invested with full Power and Authority to assemble upon proper and lawful Occasions, to MAKE MASONS, and to ADMIT MEMBERS, as also to do and perform all and every such Acts and Things appertaining to the CRAFT as have been and ought to be done, for the Honor and Advantage thereof; conforming in all their Proceedings to the CONSTITUTION of this GRAND LODGE, otherwise this WARRANT, and the powers thereby granted, to cease and be of no further effect.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our GRAND LODGE, at the City of New York, in the United States of America, this *Third* day of *May* in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and *seventeen* and in the year of Masonry, Five Thousand Nine Hundred and *seventeen*



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Ed. S. Tompkins

Grand Secretary.

FACSIMILE CHARTER

The number of petitions being received by the Lodge was so great that at the meeting in February a resolution was introduced to the effect that only 25 duly elected applicants would be initiated in this Lodge.

At an early meeting in the year, the Lodge was officially visited by Rt. W. Bro. Fred B. Lyddon, D. D. G. M., of the First Monroe District. Wor. Bro. Lyddon complimented the Lodge on its quality of membership and the splendid progress it had made during its three years.

A birthday party was held in the Masonic Club when a fine banquet was served to over 200 members and guests.

A May party was held which was outstanding due to the magnificence of the decorations and the goodly number who were there to participate in this most delightful occasion.

The Lodge continued its interest in Civic affairs and contributed \$30 to the Rochester Patriotic and Community Fund.

The meeting held June 5, 1920 commemorated the anniversary of the constitution of the Lodge and the original Line Officers were asked to occupy their original stations during the ceremonies of the evening.

At a subsequent meeting it was announced that W. Bro. Edward H. Keith was not properly clothed symbolically and after considerable merriment, was presented with a Past Master's Apron.

At this same meeting Bro. George H. Spohr, President of the Fellowcraft Club, announced the annual May Party to be held at Hotel Windsor.

In July great preparations were being made for the annual Picnic to be held at Manitou Beach, and an order was drawn on the Treasury for \$200 to cover expenses of this affair.

At the regular meeting held September 4 a letter was received from Rene Stock, the French boy adopted by Mrs. Granneman.

In September a joint Church service under the auspices of the Ruling Masters' Association was to take place at Christ Episcopal Church October 17, 1920 to do honor to the Rev. Rt. W. Bro. David Lincoln Ferris, recently elected to the position of Suffragan Bishop of the Episcopal Church of Western New York. This service was one of the most outstanding services of its kind ever held in Rochester, and the members of Ancient Craft attended in goodly numbers in view of its friendship and esteem for Bro. Ferris, who had attended many of our earlier meetings.

At the stated meeting in October the question of procuring proper regalia for the Fellowcraft Club was discussed and it was decided to purchase equipment at a cost of \$800. This notable achievement was accomplished with but very small expense to the Lodge, as the individual members of the Fellowcraft Club pledged and paid an average of \$10 apiece in addition to average pledges of \$5 from the general membership. This action of the membership clearly demonstrated their interest and enthusiasm.

At a later meeting the Lodge subscribed \$25 to the Literary Digest Fund for the purpose of caring for orphaned children in Europe.

On Saturday evening, November 20, the Lodge conferred the 3rd Degree and the Fellowcraft Club, in its new equipment and robes, participated. The cast at that time is worthy of note. Those taking principal parts were Bros. Ralph H. Wickens, J. Wynn Stone, Arthur Rathjen, Spencer W. Tiffany, Joseph M. Donald, Lester P. Slade, Fred J. Trimmal, Barton J. Kiefer, Garry V. Kyle, Walter N. Dow, W. Roy Wolf, Charles E. Anderson, William Stoll, Charles C. D. Schaefer, George H. Spohr, Edwin C. Crowley, Jr., John E. Charles, Joseph B. Deisher, Ernest C. White, Charles J. End, Arthur F. McConnell, Frank E. Stubbs.

At the annual meeting purses of gold were presented to the retiring Master on behalf of the members of the Lodge and the class of 1920.

At this meeting a resolution was passed appropriating the sum of \$10 from each initiation fee to be used for the purchase of the Treasury stock of the Masonic Temple of Rochester, with the end in view of making the Temple self-supporting.

It was at this meeting that the Secretary was authorized to purchase a system of records to be used in connection with his office.

The Lodge made the following contributions: to the Industrial School of Rochester—\$10, to the Children's Christmas Fund of Masonic Home at Utica—\$15, to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association—\$10.

The final business at this meeting was the election of the following officers, who were entrusted with the affairs of the Lodge, to carry on the work so ably done by their predecessors. For Master—Bro. George S. Hunt, for Sr. Warden—Bro. Ralph H. Wickens, for Jr. Warden—W. Roy Wolf, for Treasurer—Harry T. Tenney and for Secretary—Erle L. Miller.

1921

Those who were privileged to know and work with Wor. Bro. George C. Hunt were greatly pleased with his selection as Master. Bro. Hunt will be remembered by many for his excellent rendition of the Middle Chamber lecture which he presented at each 2nd Degree over a period of years.

At an early meeting in January a letter was received from the then Grand Master, Most W. Bro. Robert H. Robinson eulogizing the memory of our late Bro. Rt. W. Charles H. Burt, presiding Bishop of the Episcopal diocese and former Grand Chlain of Grand Lodge.

At this meeting the Junior Officers were advanced several stations and conferred the 1st Degree on a full class. At this meeting the membership was honored by the presence of Rt. W. Bro. Charles M. Colton, who so ably assisted in the formation of the Lodge.

At a meeting in February the Lodge was honored by the official visit of Rt. W. Bro. Floyd B. Miner, D. D. G. M., who, in his remarks, referred particularly to the new Educational and Social Service Bureau being fostered by Grand Lodge, and also reported on the progress being made by the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hospital at Utica.

At the meeting held on February 19, a beautiful and appropriate set of gavels were presented to the Lodge on behalf of our First Master, W. Bro. Shindel G. Case.

The meeting of April 2 was designated as Past Masters' Night and W. Bros. Case, Kyle and Keith assumed their original stations. At this meeting a petition was received from 25 Master Masons seeking waivers to form a new Lodge to be known as Frank L. Simes Lodge and the Lodge voted favorable action.

At a meeting held on April 30, the 2nd Degree was conferred and at the conclusion of the meeting the members adjourned to the Masonic Club where a fine luncheon was served. The members were addressed by W. Bro. Thomas Bolger of Jessie L. Cooley Lodge 966, Elmira, New York.

It was announced that charter member, Bro. Albert A. Grainger was scheduled to sail for England followed by an extended trip through Europe, and on the evening of his sailing a telegram was sent wishing him a pleasant trip and safe return.

In May the Fellowcraft Club started their first of a series of three dances to be held at the Hotel Windsor.

At the communication held May, the 21st, notice was received from Grand Lodge to the effect that regulations were being changed to the effect that the Grand Master shall have the power by dispensation, in individual cases, to waive physical disqualifications, the result of service in the A. E. F., or in the military and naval service of the United States or with the military or naval service of their Allies in the World War.

At a meeting held June 4, it was announced that there would be a celebration of Flag Day in a fitting and proper manner by all of the Lodges of the Monroe District, the affair to take place at Convention Hall. Ancient Craft was well represented.

The annual outing in 1921 was held at Grand View Beach and there was an exceptionally large turn-out of members and their families. \$250 was voted to take care of the expense of this affair.

At the next stated communication, it was voted to purchase an additional \$1,000 worth of Masonic Temple stock from the Hollister-Watson estate.

The 3rd Degree was conferred, and the second section was exemplified by the Fellowcraft team of Warren C. Hubbard Lodge 964, two former members of Ancient Craft taking principal parts; namely, W. Bros. Harry G. Greensmith and Willard J. Smith.

At a meeting on November 19, 1921, the Lodge was honored by the visit of Rt. W. Bro. David Lincoln Ferris, Grand Chaplain of Grand Lodge, and who presented to each of the class a copy of the Great Light. Rev. Bro. William McCoy, a member of this class, was later called upon to give his impressions of the Masonic Degrees.

At the first meeting in December \$250 was voted to defray the expenses of Ladies' Night and entertainment, the affair taking place in the Masonic Ball Room.



OFFICERS OF ANCIENT CRAFT LODGE
1916-1917

At the annual meeting the retiring Master, W. Bro. George C. Hunt, was presented with a purse of gold from the Lodge as well as from the class and complimented on the splendid year of service.

At this meeting the usual Christmas donations were given by the Lodge to the various Institutions in which it was interested.

The newly elective and appointive officers were later installed by W. Bros. Arthur Rathjen and Garry V. Kyle.

1922

The year 1922 found the roster of membership in the Lodge considerably increased and the thought that was uppermost in the mind of W. Bro. Ralph H. Wickens at the time of his election to the position of Master was to formulate plans and develop ideas to keep the good fellowship and harmonious contact alive.

At the first meeting of the new year a Committee was appointed to purchase a set of dishes and cutlery to be used by the Lodge, which were later purchased and used for several years.

At the second meeting in January, the Lodge had the pleasure of welcoming Bro. Will M. Cressy, a member of Pioneer Lodge No. 70, of Hackensack, N. J., who was playing in the leading act at the Temple Theater.

At a meeting held in February, the Lodge officially received Rt. W. Bro. Luther H. Miller, D. D. G. M., of the First District. At this same meeting the Lodge voted \$50 toward the Building fund of the Y. M. C. A.

It was announced at the meeting of March 4 that the formal dedication of the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hospital at Utica would take place April 22, 1922. Ancient Craft Lodge was represented by more than 50 of its membership.

On March 24 the Lodge rendered its annual homage to the Ladies and a fine program of entertainment was enjoyed in the Ball Room of the Temple.

At the meeting of April the custom established in the early days of the Lodge that when a 3rd Degree was conferred the first section took place in the afternoon. The Lodge members in attendance and candidates usually had dinner together at either the Elks Club or the old Odenbach Restaurant.

At a stated communication held June 3, Bro. James H. Beebe presented the Lodge with a sterling silver trowel. Past Masters' Aprons were presented to W. Bros. Arthur Rathjen and George C. Hunt. It was also voted to hold the traditional Lodge Picnic at a place to be determined later.

On the following Sunday a goodly number of members attended divine service at St. George's Episcopal Church in Lake Avenue, which service was conducted by the Chaplain, Rev. Bro. William S. McCoy.

At a later meeting the membership had the pleasure of listening to Bro. Harry T. Tinney, who related some of his experiences while attending a meeting of the International Rotary Club of England. Bro. Tinney also commented on the work that Rotary was doing for Crippled Children at Sunshine Camp on Lake Ontario and the Lodge donated \$50 toward this work.

A most unusual Autumn Ladies' Night was held November 8 at Grange Hall in Titus Avenue, Irondequoit. An old-fashioned chicken dinner was served and dancing was enjoyed by all those present.

At the first meeting in November, the Lodge received a communication from Grand Secretary stating that Ancient Craft Lodge had contributed one hundred percent of its quota toward the cost of the building of the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hospital.

At the first meeting held in December, the Lodge had the pleasure of welcoming W. Bro. Ernest R. Clark of Etolian Lodge 479, who gave a very interesting address on George Washington and the public schools system.

December was a very active month, as there were two regular and two special communications held primarily to clean up the trestle board which still contained a great many names.

A letter was read from Rev. Bro. Albert W. Beaven inviting the officers and the members to attend service at the Lake Avenue Baptist Church. The invitation was accepted and a goodly number of members attended.

At subsequent meetings the Lodge had the pleasure of welcoming Rt. W. Paul Stratton of St. George Lodge 6 of Schenectady, N. Y., and Wor. Bro. Isaac M. Brickner, Yonnonidio Lodge 163.

At the annual communication the usual reports were read, which indicated the Lodge was in strong financial condition even though considerable funds had been spent for entertainment.

The following officers were elected for the year 1923: Bros. W. Roy Wolf—Master, Erhart J. Geil—Sr. Warden, Henry A. Thiede—Jr. Warden, Harry T. Tinney—Treasurer and Spencer W. Tiffany—Secretary, Bro. Tiffany succeeding Bro. Erle L. Miller, who was retiring from the position of Secretary.

At this meeting the Lodge gave its usual testimonials to those whom it remembered at this season of the year, and the first life membership to be given a member of the Lodge was presented to W. Bro. Shindel G. Case. The customary presentation was made to the retiring Master, Bro. Ralph H. Wickens on behalf of the Lodge and the class of 1922. The newly elected Officers were installed by W. Bros. Arthur Rathjen and Shindel G. Case.

The final action of this meeting was the voting of \$25 to be paid to the Masonic Relief Fund for Montenegrans.

1923

The Officers in 1923 found the trestle board well-congested, which necessitated not only work at regular meetings but conferring degrees at several special meetings throughout the year. At one of the early meetings in the year, the Lodge was entertained by its own musical trio consisting of Bros. J. Herbert Kaelber, piano, with Charles E. LeRoy, cello, and Harvey R. Hefron, violin.

The Lodge was called upon on three different occasions during the early part of the year to assist Lodges which had suffered loss by fire of their Lodge Rooms and equipment. In each case a contribution was made.

Menu



FRUIT CUP

CELERY

OLIVES

RADISHES

CHICKEN A LA KING IN PATTY SHELLS

FRENCH FRIED POTATOES

CARROTS AND PEAS

SALAD

ROLLS AND BUTTER

APPLE PIE AND CHEESE

COFFEE

CIGARS

CIGARETTES



MUSIC

Bro. Harvey R. Heffron, Violin

Bro. LeVerne Herman, Piano

Dinner Program



Toastmaster

BRO. JACK KNABB

INVOCATION REV. BRO. WILLIAM S. McCOY

AMERICA ASSEMBLAGE

GREETINGS FROM THE MASTER

W. SHINDEL G. CASE "WISDOM"

SELECTION ZENITH QUARTETTE

W. GARY V. KYLE "STRENGTH"

W. EDWARD H. KEITH "BEAUTY"

SELECTION ZENITH QUARTETTE

BRO. J. HERBERT Kaelber "SHEKELS"

W. FREDERICK R. BOYCE "COUNSELLOR"

In early Spring the Lodge held what was considered its finest May Party as entertainment for the Ladies. This affair was held in the Masonic Auditorium. Decorations were under the direction of Bro. E. Dudley Pierce and his corps of assistants.

At this time the DeMolay movement was entering the Eastern States and W. Bros. Shindel G. Case and W. Roy Wolf were instrumental in starting this organization for boys and were elected with five others to serve as sponsors for this work. Later in the year the Lodge presented to the Rochester Chapter a beautiful Altar Bible.

During the year the Lodge was officially visited by Rt. W. Bro. William MacFarlane, D. D. G. M., who, among other things, informed the Lodge of the large acreage recently purchased by Grand Lodge to erect cottages for the treatment of tubercular Masons.

A new roster of membership was published, which showed a substantial increase in membership.

The Lodge accepted the invitation of Rev. Bro. Harry G. Greensmith to attend services at his parish, the North Clinton Baptist Church.

It was during 1923 that the question of a new Temple was being discussed and the Lodge appointed a Committee to investigate the matter, and later in the year unanimously adopted a resolution to the effect that a site should be furnished for a new Temple.

The usual mid-summer picnic was held at Grand View Beach.

During the year a solicitation was made among members for a donation of \$1.00 each to be used to help defray the expense of the building of the George Washington Masonic Memorial at Alexandria. The Lodge contributed its quota 100% and sent its Master to participate in the ceremony of the laying of the corner stone, at which it was estimated there were in attendance 35,000 Masons representing all parts of the United States.

The Lodge continued its interest in the Sunshine Camp of the Rotary Club and contributed \$50 toward this work.

The Lodge took a very active part in the great meeting held at Convention Hall in honor of Rt. W. Bro. David Lincoln Ferris.

A beautiful cast aluminum gavel was presented to the Lodge by Bro. James Beebe, a member of Genesee Falls Lodge 507.

The last official act at the annual meeting was the voting and the presentation of a life membership certificate to Bro. Garry V. Kyle.

1924

With the selection and election of officers for 1924, all of the original Line Officers had passed through their several stations and were now designated as Past Masters. With the election of Bro. Erhart J. Geil as Wor. Master, Bro. Henry A. Thiede as Sr. Warden and Bro. Martin W. Utz as Jr. Warden, a new line was destined to carry on.

Bro. Harry T. Tinney, who had served the Lodge for a number of years as Treasurer, due to failing health, found it necessary to retire and he was succeeded by W. Bro. W. Roy Wolf.

The year 1924 was a very active year. As there were a great many candidates awaiting degrees, the question of revising the By-Laws in many instances came up for consideration, together with the proposed increase in Lodge dues. Several of the original By-Laws were changed to conform to changing conditions and the Lodge dues were raised from \$7 to \$10 per annum.

The Lodge was visited during the year by Rt. W. Bro. Isaac M. Brickner, D. D. G. M.

The Lodge attended services at the Asbury M. E. Church in East Avenue, and was addressed by the Rev. Bro. Ralph S. Cushman.

A most unusual and well-attended meeting was held in March in honor of Masons Associated with the plumbing industry. 178 guests were introduced this evening by Bro. Martin W. Utz, Chairman of the affair.

During the latter part of March Ancient Craft Lodge was saddened by the news that our beloved First Master, W. Bro. Shindel G. Case, was to take up permanent residence in the city of Albany, New York, and before his leaving, a testimonial dinner was given in his honor in Masonic Club.

The traditional picnic and Ladies' Night were held, both being well-attended and enjoyed by a goodly number of the membership and their families.

During the year additional Masonic Temple stock was purchased in the amount of \$200. As the year progressed, the plans for the new Temple made considerable progress and at the meeting on October 4, 1924, Ancient Craft Lodge voted to contribute \$1,000 toward the new project.

At the conclusion of the year's work various testimonials were given to those who served the Lodge during the year, as well as several Christmas remembrances to organizations and individuals.

1925

January 3, 1925 the newly elective and appointive officers were installed by W. Bros. Arthur Rathjen and W. Roy Wolf, with the following at the helm: Henry A. Thiede, W. Master and Martin W. Utz, Sr. Warden and Wilson H. DaBoll, Jr. Warden.

The first business at the first meeting was the election of W. Bro. Edward Keith to life membership.

During the year the Lodge was officially visited by Rt. W. Bro. Harold G. Dobson, D. D. G. M.

There was a movement on foot to reduce the number of meetings from two to one a month, but little interest was manifested in the proposed change and the suggestion was deferred.

A very interesting meeting was held in March when the Master arbitrarily divided the members present into two teams for the purpose of determining which team was most familiar with the 2nd degree ritual. The Referee was Bro. J. Wynn Stone.

A very well-attended meeting took place March 21 when -8 Past Masters were welcomed by the Wor. Master. This meeting was designated Past

Masters' Night and many distinguished Past Masters of other Lodges were in attendance.

At a later meeting an illustrated address was given by W. Bro. Townley of Corinthian Temple Lodge 805, who explained the mysteries of radio.

During this year a permanent charity fund was established by allocating a proportionate share of each member's dues to be set up in a special fund to be devoted exclusively to charitable purposes.

An interesting and enjoyable picnic was held at Grand View Beach in June and the Fellowcraft Club held a clambake, which was well-attended.

At a meeting in May the Secretary was instructed to write letters of congratulation to Bros. Fred D. Budd and Arthur Pammenter, who had been recently honored by election to the office of City Treasurer and State Assemblyman respectively.

The Lodge was officially visited by Rt. W. Bro. James B. Woodruff, D. D. G. M.

At the annual meeting a vote of thanks was extended to Bro. Lester P. Slade who had so ably served the Lodge as its representative on the Masonic Temple Governing Board for several years. The final business of the meeting was the election of officers to carry on the work during 1926, and the following were elected and installed: Bros. Martin W. Utz, Master; Wilson H. Daboll, Sr. Warden; J. Wynn Stone, Jr. Warden. The installation ceremony was under the direction of W. Bros. Arthur Rathjen and Garry V. Kyle.

1926

The year 1926 was a most interesting and lively year, W. Bro. Utz instituting many original ideas in his meetings and devoting considerable time to the activities of the Lodge.

At an early meeting in the year the membership was saddened by the announcement of death of Bro. Edward C. Way, for many years the Recorder of Damascus Temple. Bro. Way was a frequent visitor at Lodge meetings.

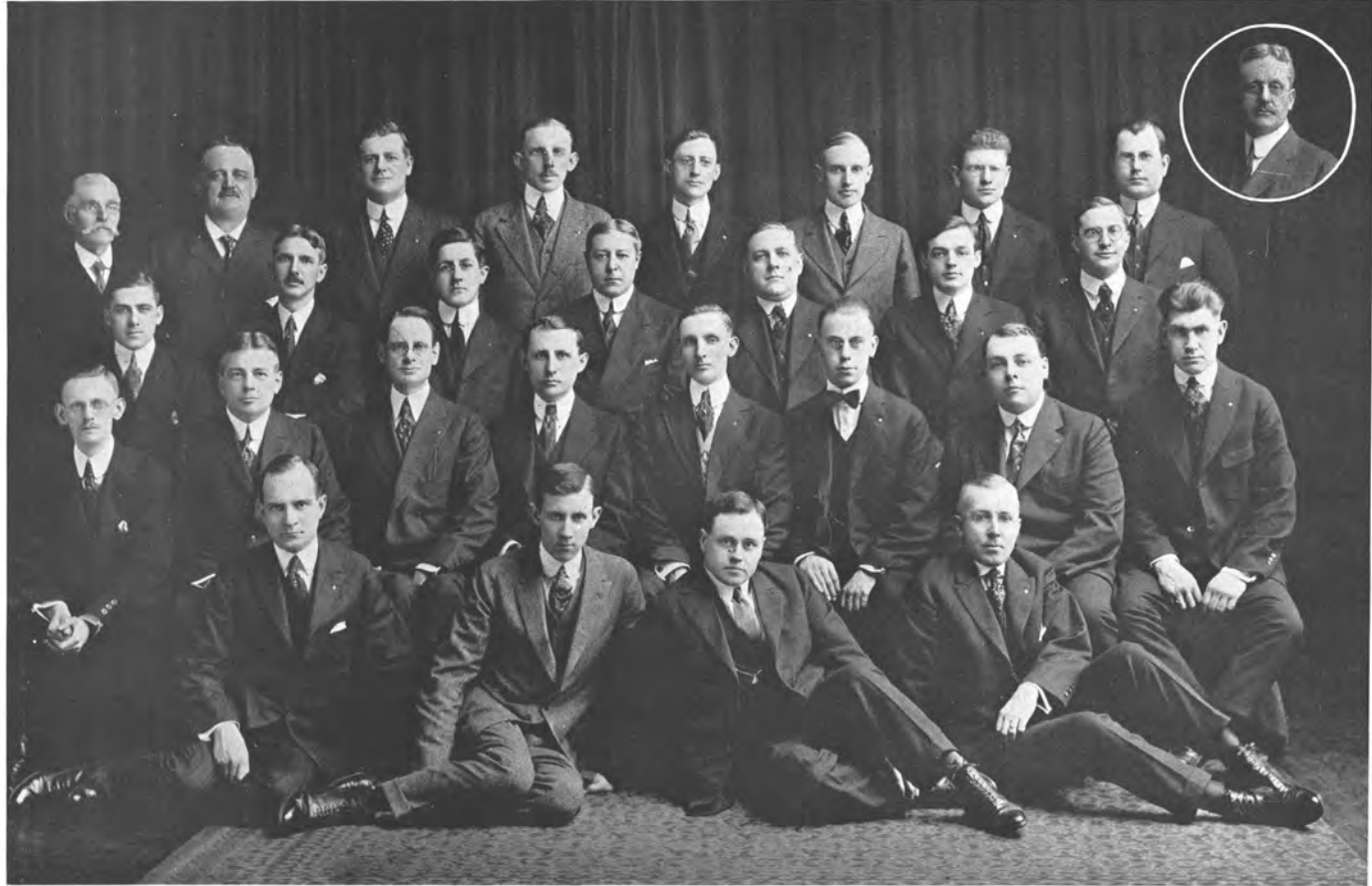
The Lodge took favorable action on the request of the American Legion in making a contribution to their endowment fund.

In early Spring an interesting and entertaining smoker was held in the Auditorium with Bro. Fred T. Woodrow acting as Chairman.

The following month the Fellowcraft Club accepted an invitation from Fame Lodge 945 to confer the second section of the 3rd Degree in the Masonic Temple in Irondequoit. The Fellowcraft Club was ably assisted by W. Bro. Lawrence Greene of Seneca Lodge in view of the inability of Bro. Fritz Bonehill to play in his usual character.

The month of May was a very eventful month. Many of the members journeyed to Buffalo to participate in the laying of the corner stone of the new Masonic Temple.

The Lodge celebrated its 10th anniversary. There were many guests present and the principal address of the evening was given by Bro. Joseph M.



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Donald, who had served the Lodge as Chaplain for several years past. Several floral tributes were presented to W. Bro. Case and a most beautiful tribute was paid to our late Bro. Arthur E. Granneman.

In mid-summer an enjoyable picnic was held and at the first meeting in the Fall, a special welcome was tendered Bro. Hugo G. Loesch, who had recently returned from an extended trip abroad.

The Lodge attended services at St. George's Episcopal Church in Lake Avenue.

At an early meeting in September a petition was received and voted upon favorably granting a waiver of jurisdiction in connection with the forming of Orpheus Lodge.

At an early meeting in the Fall, the Fellowcraft Club dramatized the 3rd Degree under a so-called new form, the revision being made by the splendid work of Bros. Edward H. Keith, Fritz Bonehill, Harry Dodson and Maurus Reck.

The Lodge was visited by Rt. Wor. Edward G. VanDerlinde, D. D. G. M.

One of the outstanding meetings during the year was known as 18th Ward night, when the Wof. Master acted as host to the many members of Ancient Craft residing in that Ward.

At the annual meeting, the Wor. Master was presented with a Past Master's Apron by his friend and associate, Bro. Fred Nettle. The Master also received as a testimonial from the Lodge a beautiful gold watch charm.

The newly elective officers were installed by Wor. Bro. Edward H. Keith.

1927

The year of 1927 was a most active one and many changes took place in the Lodge. Under the direction of W. Bro. Wilson H. DaBoll several unique meetings were conducted.

Early in the year the resignation of Spencer W. Tiffany as Secretary was received and accepted and he was succeeded by Bro. W. Roy Wolf, who acted in the dual capacity of Secretary and Treasurer for several months, after which Bro. J. Herbert Kaelber was elected and installed as Treasurer resuming the position which he held in 1917.

The Lodge was honored during this year by the designation of one of its members to the position of D. D. G. M., who made his first official visit to his own Lodge on the evening which was designated as Past Masters' Night with every Past Master in attendance. Bro. Wolf was present with a Grand Lodge Apron and a magnificent bouquet of roses, after he had concluded his official remarks at this meeting.

The outstanding social affair was the unusually well-attended Ladies' Night and dinner party held at DeRoo's Inn at Scottsville. The decorations at this party were worthy of mention and the splendid time had by more than 300 who attended. Several speakers of note were welcomed by the Lodge, who addressed the membership on subjects of interest.

The Lodge continued to prosper, securing 25 new members during the year.

1928

The newly elective and appointive officers were installed by Rt. W. Bro. W. Roy Wolf assisted by W. Bro. Wilson H. DaBoll. W. Bro. J. Wynn Stone was inducted as Master, whose associate officers were Charles C. D. Schaefer, Sr. Warden, and Zahrt L. Augustine, Jr. Warden.

At the first meeting in the new year, the Master announced that the laying of the corner stone of the new Temple situated at Main East and Prince Street would take place the following week. This great event took place on scheduled time after a formal parade was held and the Lodge was again honored by the selection of one of its members to act as Grand Sword Bearer in the corner stone ceremony. In the evening a testimonial dinner was given in honor of Most Wor. Harold J. Richardson, Grand Master. More than 50 members of Ancient Craft attended this notable event.

A Smoker, Clambake, Ladies' Night and Picnic were held during the year and were well-attended by the membership and their friends.

A goodly number of members attended the annual pilgrimage to Masonic Home at Utica.

A movement was again fostered to change the meeting night inasmuch as changing times and conditions were such that it was thought more desirable to hold our meetings on some other night than Saturday. A Committee was appointed to investigate the matter and report at a later meeting.

The Lodge contributed substantially to the hurricane sufferers in Florida and Porto Rico co-operating with the Grand Lodge in giving real assistance to these distressed people.

On the evening of October 6 the Committee previously appointed to recommend the change of meeting night reported favorably and designated the meetings be held on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. The proposition was submitted and unanimously approved.

At a later meeting the Lodge voted \$1,000 for the expense of furnishing the new Temple.

Early in November a number of the members of the Lodge journeyed to Batavia to participate in the dedication of the new Temple.

The Lodge was officially visited by Rt. W. Bro. William F. Strang, D. D. G. M., who brought the greetings of the Grand Master and addressed the Lodge on subjects of interest.

The last meeting in the year saw a goodly turn-out of members when the new officers were elected and duly installed by W. Bros. Shindel G. Case and Ralph H. Wickens.

1929

W. Bro. Charles C. D. Schaefer, Master, and his associates, Bros. Zahrt L. Augustine and John N. Harvard, Sr. and Jr. Wardens respectively, had a most profitable and successful year.

At the first meeting in January, the Lodge was saddened by news of the death of W. Bro. Charles V. K. Lansing, a member of Genesee Falls Lodge, who was director of music of Ancient Craft for several years.

The Lodge received a visit from W. Bro. George Whitney, Assistant Grand Lecturer, whose remarks were very greatly appreciated by those in attendance.

At an early meeting, the Lodge was the recipient of a beautifully carved Marshal baton, the presentation being made by W. Bro. Shindel G. Case.

A committee was appointed to investigate the possibilities of publishing a Lodge paper. Bro. Harry J. Dodgson reported to a subsequent meeting and was asked to serve as Associate Editor with the Secretary, the publication to be known as the "Log of Ancient Craft." It was a very ambitious undertaking and was carried on successfully through the year.

The Lodge made its yearly visit to St. George's Episcopal Church to pay respects to our Chaplain, Rev. Bro. William S. McCoy.

At a meeting in June, the membership fees of the Lodge were raised from \$100 to \$125.

The Lodge was officially visited by Rt. W. Bro. Arthur T. Smith, D. D. G. M.

On September 25, the Lodge held its yearly Past Masters' Night with all Past Masters being present except two.

During the year the usual social activities were enjoyed in the form of a Ladies' Night, Picnic and Clambake.

The Lodge concluded a most successful year, as the reading of the annual reports demonstrated, and it was voted to publish the annual reports of both the Secretary and Treasurer, sending a copy to each of the membership.

1930

During this year W. Bro. Zahrt L. Augustine and his associate Bros. John N. Harvard, Sr. Warden and Fred T. Woodrow, Jr. Warden, found the Lodge comfortably settled in their new Home in the new Masonic Temple, which had just been recently completed, and it fell to the honor of the following brethren to be raised in the new Temple: Bros. Lee A. Bloss, Charles F. Newman, Verlin J. Props, A. P. Lapp, Frank O. Hayes.

During March the Lodge was called upon to participate in the District Convention, at which time Ancient Craft was chosen to put on the first section of the 3rd Degree in co-operation with Frank R. Lawrence Lodge. Both Lodges were complimented very highly by the Grand Lecturer for their splendid rendition of the ritual.

On March 26 the Master received a pleasant surprise in the form of a visitation from 60 members of the Craft, who were employed by the North East Electric Company.

An unusual meeting was held on May 14, and before a capacity attendance the Degree teams of Fraternal Lodge 625, Hamburg, N. Y., and the team of Ancient Craft exemplified the 3rd Degree.

Past Masters' Night provided its usual mirth and amusement.

The Lodge purchased a \$1,000 5% second Mortgage Bond on the new Temple.



G. V. Kyle, 1918



E. H. Keith, 1919



A. Rathjen, 1920



G. C. Hunt, 1921



R. H. Wickins, 1922



W. R. Wolf, 1923



E. J. Geil, 1924



H. A. Theide, 1925



M. W. Utz, 1926



W. H. Da Boll, 1927



J. W. Stone, 1928



C. C. Schaefer, 1929



Z. L. Augustine, 1930



J. N. Harvard, 1931



F. T. Woodrow, 1932



G. H. Spohr, 1933



J. H. Fowle, 1934



W. C. Lennox, 1935



C. C. Fairfax, 1936

PAST MASTERS OF ANCIENT CRAFT LODGE

During the year considerable additional equipment was purchased for the use of the Fellowcraft Club.

The Lodge was officially visited by Rt. W. Bro. Joseph E. Silverstein.

Twelve candidates were raised during the year, many of whom took a very active interest in Lodge affairs.

1931

The second year in the new Temple found W. Bro. John N. Harvard elected to the position of Master and Bros. George H. Spohr and James H. Fowle, Sr. and Jr. Wardens respectively.

At the first meeting the resignation of Bro. Hugo C. Loesch, assistant Senior Deacon, was of necessity accepted as Bro. Loesch was removing from the city.

A very definite movement was fostered to endeavor to create additional interest in Lodge affairs.

A committee was appointed consisting of Bros. Jack Knabb, James H. Fowle and Robert J. Rohr, and a rather unique follow-up was made, which brought fine results.

At an early meeting in February 60 members of the Craft employed at the North East Electric Company were welcomed by the Master.

Bro. John Beebe, a member of Genesee Falls Lodge, and always greatly interested in the progress of Ancient Craft, presented in token of his continued interest a hand-turned gavel.

During the year the Lodge contributed considerable of its time and means in assisting the Auditorium Players project.

The outstanding event of the year was the celebration of the 150th anniversary of Grand Lodge when a special program and historical pageant was put on. The cast was worthy of mention: Bro. Lester P. Slade as George Washington, Wor. Bro. Garry V. Kyle, as Benjamin Franklin, Bro. Thomas W. Hilton, as General LaFayette, Bro. Jack Knabb as Paul Revere and Wor. Bro. Zahrt L. Augustine as DeWitt Clinton. There was special music by Bro. Robert Berentsen.

Bro. William Lennox was welcomed back from his European trip and told of his many experiences in visiting Masonic Lodges in Europe.

During the year the usual social activities were enjoyed, all being well-attended.

The first golf tournament of Lodge members was enjoyed under the chairmanship of Bro. Wm. Lennox.

The Lodge was officially visited by Rt. W. Bro. Ernest R. Clark, D.D.G.M.

The annual meeting saw the conclusion of a successful year. The usual testimonials were presented to the retiring Master, Secretary and Treasurer and Bro. Fred T. Woodrow was elected as Master to be assisted by Bros. George H. Spohr and James H. Fowle, Wardens.

1932

At the first meeting of the new year, the newly elective officers were installed by Rt. Wor. W. Roy Wolf and Wor. Charles C. D. Schaefer. At this meeting a number of the supervisors of the State School at Industry were welcomed by the Master.

The Lodge was entertained by the Orpheus male quartette.

A contribution was made to the George Washington Memorial at Tappan, N. Y.

W. Bro. Woodrow was honored at an early meeting in March when he and the Lodge welcomed the Rochester Chapter of the National Order of Sojourners, together with the Damascus Temple Legion of Hoonr.

In May the Lodge welcomed Rt. W. Bro. Ansel E. Beckwith, who came from Cleveland, Ohio especially to address the members of the Lodge. This was a very happy occasion and enjoyed by those in attendance.

The most important official business during the year was the transferring of the Lodge's interest in the old Masonic Temple to the Temple Civic Centre of Rochester.

The annual Ladies' Night and Clambake was a most enjoyable affair as was the Clambake of the Fellowcraft Club held at the Old Homestead.

The Lodge took a very active part in the testimonial dinner to be given to Rt. W. Bro. William F. Strang, recently elected Jr. Grand Warden.

The Lodge was saddened at the announcement of the untimely death of Wor. Bro. Fred T. Woodrow, who departed this life September 29 A. L. 5932 at the General Hospital, this city. It was the first death recorded of a charter member, as well as a present or Past Master. The Lodge conducted a Masonic funeral service, burial taking place in Riverside Cemetery, and a marker approved by the Lodge and suitably inscribed was placed on the place of interment.

The official business of the year was carried on by Sr. Warden, George H. Spohr, who, on October 12, officially welcomed Rt. Wor. Charles H. Harmon, D. D. G. M.

The Lodge, for the balance of the year, conducted its formal business, and at the conclusion of the year the annual reports were read and the formal election of officers took place with Bro. George H. Spohr designated as Master, Bros. James H. Fowle and William C. Lennox, Sr. and Jr. Wardens respectively. These newly elective and appointive officers were installed by Rt. W. Bro. William F. Strang, Junior Grand Warden, assisted by Wor. Bro. Arthur Rathjen.

1933

This year was considered to be the very center of depression. No candidates were received, but many outstanding meetings were held throughout the year, particularly the meeting commemorating the birthday of Bro. George Washington, when over 350 Masons were in attendance. This meeting was sponsored by the Ruling Masters' Association and Ancient Craft acting as host.

A play specially written by Bro. Dr. Arthur C. Parker, Masters Lodge 5, was presented by 25 members of various Lodges in Colonial costumes carrying back those present in memory to the 18th century, which was the period the story unfolded and very vividly portrayed the ideals and accomplishments of Masons who lived through the soul-trying struggle and hours of darkness of that period.

The Lodge officially received during the year, Rt. Wor. William F. Strang, Junior Grand Warden and Rt. Wor. George A. Harrington, D. D. G. M., as well as at a later meeting Bro. Dr. Arthur C. Parker, who addressed the Lodge on Indian Free Masonry.

At subsequent meetings the members of the Lodge were addressed by W. Bro. Arthur Rathjen on his visit to the Mediterranean countries, Wor. Bro. P. K. Jamison on English Free Masonry and Bro. Chris L. Hutter reporting on his visit to the Washington Memorial at Washington.

Lodge membership took a very active part in the "Century of Progress" carnival to assist in the raising of funds for the Masonic Service Bureau. The Lodge endeavor in this connection resulted in the turning-in of the largest profit from any co-operating Body.

"Go-to-Church" Sunday was observed when the membership attended St. Stephen's Episcopal Church with Rt. Wor. Bro. Jerome C. Kates, Grand Chaplain, officiating.

A special Past Masters' Night was held with all living Past Masters in attendance, with the exception of W. Bro. Case.

A "tall story" contest was conducted which developed considerable merriment.

Social functions included Ladies' Night, Clambake, Night Club Party and perhaps the largest Fellowcraft Picnic ever held when 80 were in attendance.

1934

At the annual meeting the membership felt that while no degrees were conferred, a most profitable and satisfactory year was recorded, at which time Bro. James H. Fowle was elected to the position of Master, William C. Lennox, Sr. Warden and Charles C. Fairfax, Jr. Warden. Bro. Fowle, in assuming his position as Master, realized that due to the changing times and conditions, much effort would have to be put in on the part of the officers and members in keeping alive the tradition of the Lodge and the continued interest of its members. The program that he outlined and carried through to fulfillment was a worthy one.

At the first meeting of the new year, he, having previously been elected to honorary membership, a life membership certificate was presented to Rt. Wor. William F. Strang, the presentation being made by Rt. W. Bro. John B. Mullan.

A most unique series of meetings were instituted when the Masters of preceding years invited or designated meeting nights their individual classes, who were welcomed and their names recorded. This procedure helped tremendously in swelling attendance at individual meetings.



OFFICERS OF ANCIENT CRAFT LODGE NO. 943, F. & A. M.
1937

On the evening of March 14, the Wor. Master conferred a signal honor on Rt. Wor. W. Roy Wolf and his Line Officers of 1923, permitting them to assume their original positions and to confer the 1st Degree on a class of candidates. During the evening the class of 1923 was welcomed.

At a later meeting in March, the Lodge was saddened by the announcement of the passing of Most W. Bro. Thomas Penney, who was Grand Master at the time Ancient Craft Lodge was organized.

One of the outstanding meetings of the year was the evening that the Lodge acted as host for the Lodges of Monroe County. There were 77 visitors and 60 members attending this meeting, with representatives of all of the Lodges of the County in attendance with the exception of 4.

The Lodge, during the year, was officially visited by Rt. Wor. John A. Baird, D. D. G. M.

During the year the Lodge attended joint Church service and enjoyed a fine Lodge Picnic, as well as a Fellowcraft Picnic and in the Fall an enjoyable Ladies' Night. Later in the Fall the Lodge again participated in the Masonic carnival doing an exceptionally fine piece of work in making this affair a success.

In October a meeting was designated as Schoolmasters' Night, when the Wor. Master was honored by a substantial number of Educators, who attended the meeting.

The annual meeting saw the fulfillment of a most interesting and profitable year.

Wor. Bro. Fowle, on his retirement, was presented with a life membership certificate and the good wishes of his officers and associates.

The election of officers found Wor. Bro. William C. Lennox in the chair as Master, and associated with him were Bros. Charles C. Fairfax and Thomas W. Hilton, as Sr. and Jr. Wardens.

1935

Immediately upon his installation Wor. Bro. Lennox planned, and carried out to fulfillment, a most active and profitable year. Many exceptionally fine meetings were held which did much to revive interest and was reflected in the attendance at meetings.

The Ladies' Night Party held in February under the direction of Bro. Thomas Hilton was an exceptionally fine affair.

At the first meeting in March all of the members residing in the 18th and 19th Wards of the city were invited to attend Lodge and one of the features of this evening was a friendly spelling bee, with the members of the two Wards acting as teams, with Wor. Bro. Utz as leader of the 18th Ward, and Wor. Bro. Wickens as leader of the 19th Ward. All of the words used in this spelling bee were Masonic words and were compiled by Bro. Thomas Hilton. The winners of this contest are as yet to be determined.

In April the Lodge was saddened by the announcement of the passing of Wor. Bro. George C. Hunt, who was buried with full Masonic honors by his

Brethren, with a full attendance of all Officers, Past Masters and 30 of the Brethren. Bro. Hunt was laid to rest in the White Haven Memorial Park.

At the first meeting in April, the meeting was given over to the reception of Past Masters with Wor. Bro. E. John Geil acting as Chairman. This meeting was exceptionally well-attended, and thoroughly enjoyed by all present.

During the latter part of April "Old Album" Nite was thoroughly enjoyed by many of the members beholding pictures projected on the screen which they had not seen for a number of years, and which caused considerable merriment.

Fathers' and Sons' Night was celebrated on April 24, and on the evening of May 8 "What Do You Know?" contest was held under the direction of Bro. Thomas W. Hilton. The meeting was of intense interest as well as educational, and the honors were carried off by Wor. Bro. James H. Fowle.

Later in the month, the Fellowcraft Club journeyed to Henrietta and assisted in conferring the 3rd Degree for Henrietta Lodge 526.

During the summer two picnics were held, both under the auspices of the Fellowcraft Club, and a golf tournament was held at the Locust Hill Country Club under the leadership of Bros. Wickens, Harvard, Utz, Roberts, Hilton and Carl Schlegel. The winners of this event were Bros. Art Pammenter, Ben Heughes, Ralph Wickens, Lester Slade and Henry Thiede. Jack Knabb acted as toastmaster at the dinner, which concluded a very pleasant afternoon.

In the Fall the traditional Clambake was immensely enjoyed by a large turn-out of members and friends.

Speakers welcomed by the Lodge throughout the year were Rev. Theodore T. Hayes, George F. Argetsinger and Rev. William S. McCoy.

In the Fall the Lodge was officially visited by Rt. Wor. Bro. Frank E. Homan, D. D. G. M.

On October 9, the Lodge held a Carnival for the membership and their friends, which was highly entertaining and profitable.

The annual meeting in December saw the fulfillment of a splendid year of progress and the affairs of the Lodge were officially turned over to Charles C. Fairfax, newly elected Master, Thomas W. Hilton, Sr. Warden and Robert J. Rohr, Jr. Warden. The installation ceremonies of the newly elective and appointive officers were conducted by Rt. Wor. Bro. William F. Strang, Grand Jr. Warden of Grand Lodge, assisted by Wor. Bro. Charles C. D. Schaefer.

1936

The Lodge entered its 20th year, which might be called "the end of the depression years," but during the preceding five years the Lodge had carried on in splendid manner, meeting every obligation it was called upon to meet, but nevertheless was confronted with changing conditions and with the variety of interest of its membership.

Nineteen hundred and thirty-six saw a revival of general interest in Masonry with candidates again knocking at our doors for admittance.

During the year the Lodge was visited by Rt. Wor. Bro. John J. Reilly, D. D. G. M.

The usual Past Masters' Night was held, with all Past Masters being present.

The Ladies' Night in February secured splendid support, followed by a most successful financial venture in the form of a Night Club Party held in the Temple.

There was a fine picnic in June and the annual Clambake held in October.

In December the annual meeting was held, with the annual reports indicating that the Lodge was in strong financial condition, and with the usual testimonials and remembrances voted. The membership elected Thomas W. Hilton—Master, George E. Rogers—Sr. Warden, Arthur E. Quackenbush, Jr. Warden. The installation ceremonies were under the direction of Rt. Wor. W. Roy Wolf and Wor. Bro. John N. Harvard. At this meeting the installing officer paid tribute to Bro. James A. Thompson who has served Ancient Craft Lodge as Tiler for 21 consecutive years, and during that period had only missed one regular meeting of the Lodge.

1937

As the Lodge enters its 21st year with plans well along for making this one of the outstanding years in the history of the Lodge. The Wor. Master has demonstrated his ability as a man of real organization ability, as well as his unusual literary gift in reviving "The Log of Ancient Craft."

The outstanding meeting so far in the birthday year was the Re-dedication meeting which took place March 10. This meeting was one of the hundreds of other similar meetings held throughout the State of New York at the request of our Grand Master, Most Wor. Jacob C. Klinck. At this meeting the three Degrees were conferred symbolically and the membership in attendance repledged themselves to the principles of the fraternity. There were 11 charter members present, together with all of the Past Masters, with the exception of one. There were also a great many members of the Dispensation Class present. The service of Re-dedication was concluded the following Sunday by a Joint service held in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, East Avenue, when the Rev. Bro. George E. Norton delivered an address.

At the 156th annual communication of Grand Lodge, Ancient Craft was represented by its Master and Secretary, who attended all functions particularly the 200th Anniversary Dinner celebrating the founding of Masonry in the State of New York.

The Officers for 1937 are keenly interested and fully appreciative of the responsibilities during this, the anniversary year, and will carry out a proposed program which, when brought to fulfillment, will be one of outstanding achievement.

OFFICERS OF ANCIENT CRAFT LODGE No. 943 F. & A. M.

YEAR	MASTER	JUNIOR WARDEN	SENIOR WARDEN	TREASURER	SECRETARY
1916	Shindel G. Case.....	Edward H. Keith	Garry V. Kyle.....	J. Herbert Kaelber.....	Frederick R. Boyce
1917	Shindel G. Case.....	Edward H. Keith	Garry V. Kyle	J. Herbert Kaelber	Frederick R. Boyce
1918	Garry V. Kyle	Arthur Rathjen	Edward H. Keith	Ben Gerks	Frederick R. Boyce
1919	Edward H. Keith	Geo. C. Hunt	Arthur Rathjen	*Harry T. Tinney.....	Frederick R. Boyce
1920	Arthur Rathjen	Ralph H. Wickens	Geo. C. Hunt	Harry T. Tinney.....	Erle L. Miller
1921	*George C. Hunt	W. Roy Wolf	Ralph H. Wickens	Harry T. Tinney.....	Erle L. Miller
1922	Ralph H. Wickens	E. John Geil	W. Roy Wolf	Harry T. Tinney.....	Erle L. Miller
1923	W. Roy Wolf	Henry A. Thiede	E. John Geil	Harry T. Tinney.....	Spencer W. Tiffany
1924	E. John Geil	Martin W. Utz	Henry A. Thiede	W. Roy Wolf	Spencer W. Tiffany
1925	Henry A. Thiede	Wilson H. DaBoll.....	Martin W. Utz	W. Roy Wolf	Spencer W. Tiffany
1926	Martin W. Utz	J. Wynn Stone.....	Wilson H. DaBoll	W. Roy Wolf	Spencer W. Tiffany
1927	Wilson H. DaBoll	Zahrt L. Augustine	J. Wynn Stone	W. Roy Wolf	Spencer W. Tiffany
1928	J. Wynn Stone	Chas. C. D. Schaefer	Chas. C. D. Schaefer.....	J. Herbert Kaelber.....	W. Roy Wolf
1929	Chas. C. D. Schaefer.....	John N. Harvard	Zahrt L. Augustine.....	J. Herbert Kaelber.....	W. Roy Wolf
1930	Zahrt L. Augustine	Fred T. Woodrow	John N. Harvard	J. Herbert Kaelber.....	W. Roy Wolf
1931	John N. Harvard	Geo. H. Spohr	Fred T. Woodrow.....	J. Herbert Kaelber.....	W. Roy Wolf
1932	*Fred T. Woodrow	James H. Fowle	Geo. H. Spohr.....	J. Herbert Kaelber.....	W. Roy Wolf
1933	Geo. H. Spohr.....	Wm. C. Lennox	James H. Fowle.....	J. Herbert Kaelber.....	W. Roy Wolf
1934	James H. Fowle.....	Chas. C. Fairfax	Wm. C. Lennox	J. Herbert Kaelber.....	W. Roy Wolf
1935	Wm. C. Lennox	Thos. W. Hilton	Chas. C. Fairfax.....	J. Herbert Kaelber.....	W. Roy Wolf
1936	Chas. C. Fairfax	Robt. J. Rohr.....	Thos. W. Hilton.....	J. Herbert Kaelber.....	W. Roy Wolf
1937	Thos. W. Hilton.....	Arthur R. Quackenbush.....	Geo. D. Rogers.....	J. Herbert Kaelber.....	W. Roy Wolf

*Deceased

Twenty-first Anniversary Committee

R. W. W. ROY WOLF, Chairman

W. THOMAS W. HILTON, Ex-Officio

W. WILLIAM C. LENNOX Bro. WIN J. MERRIAM

Bro. J. HERBERT KAELBER Bro. HARRY J. DODGSON

Bro. JACK KNABB



Cast of Dramatic Sketch

UNDER DIRECTION OF BRO. HARRY J. DODGSON

W. Shindel G. Case

Bro. Paul S. Paulson

Rev. Bro. Henry S. Gatley

Bro. Glen R. Piper

Bro. Gerald L. Covell

Bro. Fred M. Roberts

Bro. Edwin Crowley, Jr.

Bro. Russell J. Schrader

Bro. Harvey R. Heffron

Bro. Charles J. Veomett

PROGRAM

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1. Formal entryOfficers of 1937
2. ReceptionVisiting Past and Present Masters
Reception Grand Lodge Officers
Reception Past Masters of Ancient Craft
3. Prologue W.°.Arthur Rathjen
4. HistoryR.°.W.°.W. Roy Wolf

DRAMATIC SKETCH

“THE STRONGER TIE”

5. Dramatization of the Masonic life of Bro. Arthur E. Granneman.
6. History continuedR.°.W.°.W. Roy Wolf
7. SelectionZenith Quartette
8. History continued
9. SelectionZenith Quartette
10. History continued
11. Memorial serviceW.°.Arthur Rathjen
12. History concluded
13. Remarks and RemorseVisitors
14. Closing of Lodge

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