

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

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we appreciate their conquering determination, energy and motive, and love them and the order still the more.

This temple, this home, has long been the ambition of many a loyal hearted Knight, some who have been transferred to the Celestial City and appeared before the Great Chancellor of the Universe, have had visions during life of its existence and hope to see its completion; others, less confident, have said "I would that we might have accomplished this work" but lacked faith in their ability to finish the task, and we who survive and engage in the ceremonies of today look upon it as the visible reality of our hopes of many past years.

Trustees and members of this lodge, on behalf of the building committee, who have to the best of their ability watched over the construction of this temple to completion, we are to deliver it unto your keeping. Long and earnestly have we strived in this capacity to serve and compensate you well; often and often have we keenly felt the responsibilities of this task.

Many times have we been called upon to consider the questions of economy, durability and beauty, many times have we differed in judgments and desires, but with pleasure I can hand you with this structure today no unpleasant, unsettled conditions now existing among us, and with the consciousness that we have done our best we earnestly hope that it may endure to future generations and remain a monument in honor to those who have laid the foundations of this lodge, a delightful recollection to those who built it, and served so faithfully during the pioneer days of her history, for years and years to come.

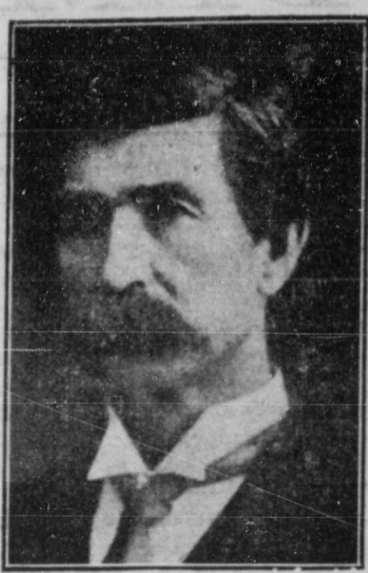
We have laid the foundation stones of this structure deep in Mother Earth with the faith that it would long endure, we have added to these walls that which would serve us best protection from the wind and chill of winter and upon the roof protection from the heat and the rain; here will assemble in the future men and women from the various walks of life. These walls will echo back the voices of the merry-making and the glad, here will come the news of brothers departed and be heard the stories of the unfortunate and distressed and if permitted to test her endurance with time only she will outlive and outlast us all. Yet this is certain, much as we have endeavored to build for durability and endurance, with time as her only destroyer, like the temples of an ancient day her destiny is fixed and it will crumble in the dust again in a future day.

We build our earthly temples upon foundations of quarried stone, and the walls of brick and mortar long enduring but not eternal, but this does not constitute the foundation upon which our order is builded, or rests, but the temple only wherein we meet

TRUSTEES AND MEMBERS OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE



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and mingle with each other, in thought, word and deed.

Masonry of stone and walls of brick and mortar do not constitute the foundation of our order. Friendship, the highest type known to man, charity, the golden key that opens the places of eternity, benevolence truly exemplified, constituting the perfection of human nature and character; these are the foundation stones, the everlasting principles upon which we are builded.

Our order is new in the world's history of events. Less than a half century has passed since her advent into the world, but her foundation stone, the rock-ribbed trio upon which she is builded, is older than the temples of Solomon, or the mysteries of the Persian Magi, and more enduring than any structure ever reared by human hand. Created with the creation of the world implanted in the hearts of men from the dawn of creation, kept alive and nurtured by Abraham, practically applied in the life of Moses from his birth until his death, and immortalized and exemplified in the life and person of the lowly Nazarene from the cradle to the cross.

Modern architecture and human ingenuity of today have far surpassed any conception of the mind of but yesterday, the lightnings have been controlled, the ocean conquered and the air made navigable, almost instant communication is possible with any part of the inhabited world today, transportation and manufacturing have almost reached a state of perfection, advancement has been so rapid that the inventions of yesterday may be tossed to the rubbish heap tomorrow; the barren deserts have been transformed by artificial means into fertile fields; we marvel at the ingenuity of man and what he has been able to accomplish in science, art, invention and government, and the progress he has made but with all this advancement the code, the creed of human duty, the foundation of principle upon

which we are builded has never changed, improved or been revised, that the good shall live is as true today as it was six thousand years ago.

The foundation upon which is builded the destiny of the human race, and upon which is carved the epitaph of the immortal, this trio, which has for centuries defied time will never decay or perish.

This temple may serve future generations, and for centuries resist decay, but some day it will crumble and fall. We who built it will have long since passed away and be forgotten among men, like the temples of the old world and the massive structures of the ancient City of Baal, noted today for the splendor of her ruins, this will return to dust again.

Sisters and Brothers, we turn to you and into your custody and keeping the key that unlocks the entrance to this temple. We earnestly hope her walls may be kept sacred and doors open only to the good and true and that all who enter here may have but one purpose, the elevation, the happiness, the betterment of mankind. May these walls as they shelter you and us in the years to come echo back only the sounds of gladness and good cheer, and all who enter here may live in harmony with her law.

Rathbone Sisters and Brother Knights, we commit into your keeping this home, together with all that her foundation of principles imply, the superstition of the outside world no longer harass you, the accusation of Satanic practices, and the prejudices against secret societies have long since died out.

And we best honor this lodge and would by the care of those who by the ties of nature have claims upon us. Into your keeping with the promise of our hearty co-operation, we commit this trust and may it long endure, and stand a light-house, warning, lighting, and pointing out the

way to the future generations who follow us.

And may we count life by virtues, These will last when life's lame, foiled race is o'er,

And these when earthly joys are past, Shall cheer us on a brighter shore.

Following this eloquent and worthy presentation speech of D. N. Erwin in behalf of the building committee, the Hon. D. E. Smith, in behalf of the lodge accepted the building, in an equally eloquent and happily worded speech as follows:

Life has been defined to be "the narrow vale between the cold and barren peaks of two eternities," and if each day were as but the span of an hour, and each precious moment were consumed in framing words, I could not express to the building committee our appreciation of their efforts in our behalf and in behalf of Knighthood in the city of their choice.

As I have listened to this splendid presentation; as I have thought of the generous spirit in which it has been given, in fancy I have traveled back through the lapse of years, and have brought to mind the early struggles for the maintenance of this lodge.

In imagination I have usurped the right to invite those beloved brothers, who live as sweet flowers in the gardens of our memories, who laid broad and deep and lasting the pathway of principles, for this great and glorious occasion, to meet with us and with our friends and together be our guests tonight. In fancy I have sent these departed brothers this message.

"Your brothers of Kekionga lodge, whom you have left behind, through their building committee have wrought great things. They have builded them a home, the like of which was never before seen in Adams county, the like of which you dreamed so fondly in the long ago. As the stars make love to the roses that spread their fragrance and bless the weary ramble o'er the hill and dale, we make love to your memories, we hold them in fast embrace and as weary ramblers are there by blessed; we bid you hasten and a hearty welcome and pray you share with us the joyous spirit in our hearts today."

In fancy, I have assumed the right to felicitate the brothers of this lodge, whose names appear upon our membership roll, upon this great achievement. On this day has been focussed the desire of years; to this moment have been brought the sacrifices of time and toil, of treasure and of thought. The good ship "Pythian Effort" ever bearing aloft the banner of "Hope," tossed and rocked upon the billowy seas of thirty-five years' has found a pleasant landing and is safely anchored on the island of "Success."

In response to this presentation I have been requested by the brothers of this lodge to convey to you, in our imperfect manner, our appreciation of your efforts in our behalf and for your fidelity to your trust. The entire approval of your brethren is the sweetest story I can tell, the story, like love, that is sweet ever whispered word. You have given us a beautiful structure. Your names appear not alone upon the cornerstone, but viewed from every angle, we see them in every nook and corner of a perfect building. You have given us a home; a place where we may learn each other's worth and commune with those worth while; a place where we may learn more of the principles of Knighthood and make them a part of our lives; you have given us the pride of Decatur and the sweetheart of more than two hundred faithful Knights.

Had your courage not been as true as the steel of Damascus you might well have faltered at the undertaking; had your faith been not as clear as crystal, you might well have faltered; you found chaos and confusion, you brought perfection. By your patience, difficulties, almost insurmountable, were swept aside by your perseverance, obstacles, like unto Gibraltar were removed, until at last, you have

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And when at last, life's fitful fever ends for you, when from your shoulders shall fall forever, the burdens of life's weary toil, if there be a fairer land than this, may you safely enter there; if there be a sweeter home than this, may you sit by its hearth-stone, its earnest prayer.

And now, my brothers, on behalf of Kekionga Lodge, No. 65, Knights of Pythias, of Decatur, Indiana, in token of our esteem, as a guaranty of our affection, I accept from you this magnificent building, and may we be as faithful in upholding the principles of the order as you have been successful in the construction of this home.

THE NEW PYTHIAN HOME.

Not only is the Home of the local Knights of Pythias the first of its kind in the city, but it is also one of the finest in the state, very few lodges having home buildings so complete as this, the massive structure being built at a cost of \$14,000, with the furnishings at \$1,500. As one passes down Third street, between Madison and Monroe streets, and within a block of the main business part of town, he is struck by the appearance of an imposing two-story brick and stone structure—the Knights of Pythias Home—with broad steps leading up to the veranda that stretches itself at leisure across the front of the building. Through wide and hospitable doors one passes into the reception room, where the tables, hall tree, and chairs have an inviting air, while to the right leads the wide, open stairway to heights above, and broad double doors to the front and left to rooms of unexplored comfort and beauty. Should one, take the door going straight ahead, he would pass into the ladies' parlor, a room of great artistic beauty, with rough walls tinted a delicate green, shading into an old rose glow at the top, with rich rugs on the hardwood floor; with curtains of ecru and green at the double windows, and with comfortable leather davenport and chairs, inviting the tired to rest. From this room, leads the cloak and toilet room, complete with lavatory and bath, with both hot and cold water. The door to the left from the reception room, leads into the gentlemen's parlor, where the details of furnishing are also harmonious and pleasing, both to the eye and to physical comfort. Opening from this parlor at the rear is the smoker and card room, fitted with tables and

chairs, while at the back of this, opening both from the room and the ladies' parlor, is the large dining room, the dimensions of which are thirty-six by forty feet. Here are nineteen tables of the round style, each of which accommodates four chairs, the furniture being a rich oak, to harmonize with the wood work, all of which is in oak, with floors of hardwood. Running the full width of the building at the end, and adjoining the dining room, with dumb waiters between, is the kitchen, a broad and cheery place, fitted with two gas ranges, hot and cold water supplies, several long tables and spacious cupboards filled with china, glass and silver, the linen closets with their stores of linen, all going to help in the preparing and serving of a dinner, with the best table appointments. From the dining room also opens the men's bath room. With an entrance from both the kitchen and the yard and alley is the hallway leading to the basement, where the chief thing of interest is the low pressure steam heating plant, from which radiate the pipes that keep the entire building in comfort. One now wanders back again to the stairway leading to the second story, where one is greeted by the hum of the billiard balls and the happy voices of those absorbed in playing pool or billiard in the large, cheerful room at the front of the second story, from the little hall at the top.

Eager for a glimpse at the room where centers the vital interest of the lodge, the part that makes the home essentially "Pythian," one follows the hall leading into the main lodge room, which is the largest of any in the house. There the furnishings are of the stately dignified kind, characteristic of the order, with desks for each officer, carpets of the order's emblems, a piano and other furnishings used in the lodge. In two little rooms at the front of this large lodge room, which is used by both the Knights and the Sisters, are the paraphernalia rooms of both societies, wherein are hidden and locked away from the eye of the profane public, the goats of the two orders, with all other things used in the work of the secret sessions. Between the paraphernalia rooms, a staircase runs to the gallery, where a large number can be comfortably seated; an don this gallery platform also stands the stereopticon, which is used in throwing on the large white wall at the rear, the pictures of the Pythian story, used in illustrating the degree work. Nor is one at the height in the gallery, for from

this leads the way to the room, which might be called a third story, a large unfinished attic at the upper front of the building, which, when more room is required in the years to come, can be fitted up, making a very fine one. All in all the entire building is one of great beauty. The walls are finished in the rough plaster with heavy beam effect, the floors are of hardwood, covered with rugs, the wood work is of the dark oak finish, the windows of ground glass, the walls hung with pictures of prominent workers in the lodge, and other subjects of interest to all, while over all, falls the beams from sixty-eight electric lights. The chandeliers, as in fact is all the hardware in the building, are of fine oxidized copper, carrying out and harmonizing with the artistic air of the whole place. The whole building is one of the greatest beauty, comfort and convenience, reflecting the rare taste, skill and judgment of the lodge in general, and the building committee in particular, in whose hands rested the bulk of the actual labor. James Hurst, one of the trustees, the superintendent of construction, and a member of the building committee, is placed in charge as the temporary custodian and guards with a careful hand and eye, that which he helped to bring into effect. The Home is open from 8 a. m. to 10 p. m. to all members, with their friends.

FINAL REALIZATION OF HOPE.
As one who has run a good race counting all past hardships as naught; or as one that stands at last on the mountain top, the goal of his ambition, with the clear boundless heavens stretching away before him for his expansion, thinking naught of the steep and dreary, rough and rocky way by which he ascended, say as "stepping stones to the sky"—so do the Knights of Pythias of Kekionga Lodge No. 65 of Decatur, stand today on the principle of a desire gratified after thirty-five years of struggling and striving, where now stretching before them is the broad

* Knights of Pythias *
* Kekionga Lodge No. 65. *
* Meets: Every Thursday Night. *
* Home: Open 8 a. m. to 10 p. m. *
* Motto: Friendship, Charity and *
* Benevolence. *
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