

MASONRY.

The Fifty-Ninth Anniversary.

Masons Celebrate it Here in a Manner Long to be Remembered.

A Tremendous Parade and a Brilliant One.

Three Thousand Visiting Masons Take Meals.

Address of Col. W. K. Edwards in Full.

A Complete History of T. H. Lodge No. 19.

Judge Long's Ode Beautifully Rendered by the Oratorio Society.

Eloquent Address by Dr. Austin of Vincennes.

The Decorations, Programme, Etc., Etc.

[From Friday's Daily.]

The sun rose this morning on one of the pleasantest days of the summer season, a pleasant breeze blew from the south-west all day, and tempered the extreme heat of the sun, making it quite comfortable to be out, and the sky was filled with lazy-moving fleecy clouds, that intervened their refreshing shade in convenient intervals, very gratefully appreciated by all.

The day was one of much interest to our citizens, and to a great crowd of visitors from abroad.

It was the occasion of the celebration of the fifty-ninth anniversary of the origin of Masonry in Terre Haute, and the brethren of this city determined it should be remembered in a manner fitting to the dignity of the grand old order of masonry.

They are very numerous, and include the pride and main strength of Terre Haute, and of that class who know no such work as fail. A class who are certain to make a success of anything they undertake, and the grand celebration of to-day is an evidence of proof of this assertion. For weeks past they have been making great preparations for this event, and with an unstinted hand have had all the various details arranged for the comfort, pleasure and instruction of all. The fact of this city being the residence of the M. W. Grand Master of the state of Indiana, Dr. Robert Van Valzah gave a stronger incentive that the day should be a success. It is seldom the Masonic order give a public display, but when they do, it is one that counts. One of the best evidences of the high respect and good esteem entertained for them by our citizens was to be seen and best comprehended by taking a walk along our streets and observing the

DECORATIONS.

The first and most striking feature in the decorative display was a grand triple arch built completely across Main street on the west side of the Sixth street crossing. This was made as a grand center arch, a complete half circle 30 feet wide and high, all profusely trimmed with evergreens and surmounted with a Masonic emblematic key stone. On each side of the center arch was one of about 15 feet in width and 18 feet in height square across the top. The whole was heavily trimmed with evergreens, flowers, flags, emblems &c., and formed at very interesting feature of the day and reflected much credit upon its designer and constructors Rogers and Dean. In front of the Opera House is also another arch smaller, and standing fronting the Opera House, this is also very pretty, loaded with evergreens, flowers emblems, and through its centre is crossed three streamers of red white and blue.

This is also by Dan Dean.

The decoration of business fronts is very general and liberal in display and in many cases of much beauty.

The May Bros. have a beautiful emblematic display and very extensive decorations in evergreens.

The Cincinnati House is decorated very artistically and liberally.

Mrs. Humaston and Wilson Naylor had their united store fronts attractively trimmed. A. Herz has a beautifully arranged emblematic window and the front of his popular store is very tastefully decorated. It is one of the most attractive on the street.

Foster Bros. store presented a gay and tasteful appearance, profusely trimmed in their usual liberal style.

Phil Schloss' clothing store is abundantly trimmed, and is very pretty. Here is one of the handsomest pieces of ornamental work seen. His is the usual Masonic square and compass, of large size, all made in red and white flowers, very beautiful, and deserving much credit for the labor and taste displayed.

The store of B. Ehrlich is also attractively trimmed, and as usual Louis Bagauz gives a pleasing evidence of his skill and taste by one of the most beautiful displays of the day.

Regan & Best makes a very fine display.

Hulman & Cox have their great establishment beautifully trimmed.

Arbuckle's extensive dry-goods house was trimmed exceedingly attractive, one of the best of all.

Julius Blumenberg's saloon is very nicely trimmed with evergreen wreaths, emblems, banners, &c., quite attractive and tasteful.

then, my visiting brethren, I extend a welcome, a hearty welcome, thrice a welcome to our city and temple. The first lesson which we are taught in Masonry, is that we should never enter upon any important undertaking without first invoking aid of the Divine Deity. You will therefore give attention to the grand chaplain who will now invoke a blessing.

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The McKean bank building is very attractive.

The following places are all decorated: Rippetoe's with a floral exhibition, Erlanger's with emblems, Katzenbach & Fremont, L. Forster, L. A. Burnett, N. Boland, J. M. Rifner, Button & Hamilton, Shryer Bros., U. R. Jeffers, Owen Pixley & Co., Foley Bros., National House, A. G. Austin, hardware; Buntin & Armstrong, drug store; E. H. Bindley, drug store; L. Goodman & Co., H. P. Townley & Co., hardware; Loebe & Co., hat store; Leo Werner, John Staff's. This place is very beautifully decorated, and makes one of the most artistic displays of the day. The establishments of Wall Sibley, Ryce & Walmesley, and D. W. Watson, are also trimmed.

All the above business houses are handsomely trimmed, displaying much taste and labor, and deserve an extended notice, which lack of space prevents the GAZETTE from giving; but they all have done nicely.

Flags float from all public buildings, and the streets present a gay, fluttering appearance with thousands of flags and streamers.

At one o'clock the grand and most beautiful attraction of the great street arch was hung in place. It was an immense square and compass and letter "G" all made of flowers, the beautiful and skilled workmanship of Heintz Bros., our florists. The flowers were in several colors, and showed to lovely advantage.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS.

Among the many prominent visiting Masons present the following are a few that are of conspicuous prominence in the order:

Lucian A. Foote, Past Grand Master of the state of Indiana, from Crawfordsville.

Martin H. Rice, Past Grand Master of the state of Indiana (now editor of the Marine Advocate) of Indianapolis.

W. Ramsey, Worshipful Master of Fairbank Lodge No. 373 of Indiana.

Robert H. Smith, of Hanselmann Commandery, No. 16, of Cincinnati.

Elijah W. Lloyd, Worshipful Master of Pimento Lodge No. 293.

Edward E. Hussey, Past Master of Centennial Lodge of Brazil.

THE PARADE.

The grand feature of the day was the parade along our streets which attracted an immense gathering of people along the line to witness it.

The line was formed at Masonic Hall on Third street, and marched from there up east on Ohio street to Seventh; then to Main; then west to the Opera House, in the following order:

MARSHAL,

FRANK CRAWFORD,

Ringgold Band,

16 men.

FIRST DIVISION.

Assistant Marshals, J. L. Humaston,

Geo. Hayward.

Terre Haute Commandery, No. 19,

27 men.

Terre Haute Lodge, No. 19,

71 men.

Humboldt Lodge, No. 42,

33 men.

Social Lodge, No. 86,

59 men.

Vigo Lodge, No. 29,

19 men.

Prairieville Lodge, No. 78,

17 men.

Sandford Lodge, No. 330,

19 men.

Riley Lodge, No. 390,

84 men.

Grand Officers in three carriages.

SECOND DIVISION.

Under marshals' aids, Horning, Clay and Brown.

Toute's Band, Terre Haute,

12 men.

White's Cornet Band, of Rockville,

10 men.

Park Lodge No. 8,

32 men.

39 men.

Montgomery Drum Corps, of Crawfordsville,

8 boys.

Montgomery Lodge No. 50,

28 men.

Roseville Lodge No. 259,

and

Sullivan Lodge No. 263,

47 men.

Brazil Band,

11 men.

Brazil Lodge No. 264,

64 men.

Fairbanks Lodge No. 373,

32 men.

Pimento Lodge No. 292,

21 men.

THIRD DIVISION.

All of Illinois.

Assistant Marshals,

Hammatt, Somes and Ballew.

Prairie Lodge No. 77,

49 men.

No. —

Paris Band,

13 men.

Paris Lodge No. 268,

63 men.

Neoga Lodge No. 279,

24 men.

Casey Lodge No. 442,

26 men.

Elbridge Lodge No. 579,

32 men.

Clark Lodge No. 603,

and

Dennison Lodge No. 736,

47 men.

OPERA HOUSE.

At a quarter past two o'clock the vast audience were in their seats filling the building from pit to dome.

DR. ROBT. VAN VALZAH, M. W. GRAND MASTER

stepped forward and sounded the gavel, which commanded instant silence, to the following opening address:

THE ADDRESS.

Ladies, gentlemen, and brethren: We have met here to-day to celebrate the fifty-ninth anniversary of Masonry in Vigo County. Fifty-nine years ago to-day, Terre Haute Lodge No. 19 was constituted, and from her seven good, strong, healthy children have been born.

This indeed makes the visit here to-day an historical event in Vigo County.

To you, my strange brethren, (What? Did I say strange brethren?) We are not strangers, for we have the signs, the words, and the grips, whereby

we may know one another in

then, my visiting brethren, I extend a welcome, a hearty welcome, thrice a welcome to our city and temple. The first lesson which we are taught in Masonry, is that we should never enter upon any important undertaking without first invoking aid of the Divine Deity. You will therefore give attention to the grand chaplain who will now invoke a blessing.

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This oration, the GAZETTE also prints, entire, elsewhere. It is worth careful perusal by everybody.

After a musical selection by the band the chaplain closed the meeting with a benediction.

HAIL, BROTHERS!

OPENING ODE FOR THE FIFTY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY OF MASONRY IN VIGO COUNTY, JULY 12TH, 1878.

Air—"Hail to the Chief."

By Judge T. B. Long.

I.

Hail, brothers, hail! Though the years are advancing,

There has no changes for us in his flight,

These, like the stars in the constant sky

glancing,

Pass into centuries glowing and bright.

Brotherly love reveals,

Kindly help avail,

While over all is the sunlight of Truth;

On life's broad sea our sails

Swept with propitious gales,

Bearing us on in perennial youth.

II.

What though by thousands our years may be numbered,

What though some brothers grow gray in our cause,

Even though death with his sleep has enumbered

Loved ones and lost by immovable laws,

Youth fills each vacant place,

Time, with the cheering grace,

Softens the grief and the sorrow we feel;

While still through time and space,

Marching with end as pace,

Sweep our grand truths in humanity's wealth.

III.

When o'er the land the wild war notes are pealing,

When on the field lay the dying and slain,

There comes our brotherhood, rescuing,

healing,

Blinding wounds and allaying the pain.

'Mid the loud cannon's roar,

Crashing from shore to shore,

In the sharp hail opening over the field,

Kind hearts the faint restore,

And hearts the dead deplore,

And over all cast humanity's shield.

IV.

When the fierce elements strike without warning,

Ocean and land and the demon of storm,

Filling the land with lament and with mourning,

Silencing hearts once so noble and warm;

There, are the strife be staid,

Comes our consoling aid,

Hard by the tempest, the wreck and the flames,

Leaving no act delayed,

No debt of love unpaid,

Tolling in Mercy's and Charity's names.

V.

So, in the gloom and the darkness of sorrow,

When o'er the land comes the shadow of death—

When the dread pestilence falls on the morrow,

Blasting the strong with its withering breath,

Swift as the dreadful plague,

Hushed but with eager pace,

Hasten the brothers with comfort and care—

Over each patient face

Beaming with love and grace,

Watching with hope and awaiting with prayer.

VI.

But all of life is not shrouded with sadness;

Scenes like the present come often to view;

When the true craftsmen, with greeting and gladness

Meet every token and pledge to renew.

Then let the joyful throng

All the bright hours bring

Filling their leisure with mystical lore;

Music be borne along,

Voices be raised in song,

Till we are recalled to our labors once more.

VII.

Hail, then, to Masonry—ever renewing

All its gray years with the freshness of youth;

Still in its course all the virtues pursuing,

Pledging a vows on the altar of truth:

Kindly relief avail,

Brotherly love prevails,

Far as its glorious legends have tread;

Proof against passion's gales,

Firm through the world's assault,

Built on the word and the worship of God.

COL. W. K. EDWARDS'

address, which was listened to with so marked attention, is appended in full, below. It is a valuable document, which every Mason should file away with his private archives.

He said:

"M. W. Grand Master:

Terre Haute Lodge No. 19 was the second lodge established by authority of the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

On the 3rd of December, 1817, a general convention of the representatives of the several subordinate lodges of the honorable fraternity of free and accepted Ancient York Masons, in this State, assembled at Corydon and determined that it was expedient and advisable that a Grand Lodge should be formed, in the State of Indiana.

There were nine subordinate lodges, seven with charters, and two under dispensations.

Their locations are at parts of the State first settled, in order of seniority, as follows:

Vincennes—Madison—Charlestown, Brookville—Salem—Lawrenceburg, Corydon—Vevay—Rising Sun.

Eight of these subordinate lodges were under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and Vincennes Lodge was the fifteenth in number in that jurisdiction and number one in this.

The lodge at Brookville was under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Ohio.

The convention of December 3, 1817, having provided for the appointment of delegates by the several subordinate lodges, to carry into effect their determination, met the 12th of January, 1818, at Madison, and opened a Grand Lodge for the state of Indiana.

The Parent Grand Lodges were first informed of that purpose by an appropriate address.

The illustrations of Masonry by Thos. S. Webb were adopted by the Grand