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PREFACE.

February 15th, 1887, a circular letter from the Grand Master of Masons of the State of New York was read by the Secretary of York Lodge, in which this, as well as other Lodges within the jurisdiction, was requested to reply to a number of historical and statistical questions, with a view, on the part of the Grand Master, of procuring data for the compilation of a general history of subordinate Lodges for use by the Grand Lodge.

To carry out this design an investigation of the records was begun for the purpose of drawing therefrom such information as was desired by the Grand Master. There was found in going over the earlier records much interesting matter, not only to York Lodge, but to many other Lodges in, and even beyond the jurisdiction of the State, and the idea was then conceived of extending the work, as originally designed, so as to produce a complete history of the Lodge from the date of its founding

in 1824 to the closing of the present session of the Grand Body.

In performing this work the compiler has not, except in the most remote instances, and never where the matter is of a personal nature, exercised the license of the historian of indulging in observations upon the facts as they arise, but presents the simple annals of the Lodge, arranged in their chronological order, and which are, except in some matters of purely literary style, correctly transcribed from the original records.

HISTORY.

DURING the early part of the month of December, 1823, a number of Brethren met at St. John's Hall, No. 8 Frankfort Street, and there drew up, signed and subsequently presented to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York the following petition :

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of New York :

We, the undersigned members of regular Masonic Lodges in the State of New York, being desirous of forming a new Lodge in the City of New York, to be named "YORK," pray for a Dispensation, or Warrant to empower us to assemble and discharge all the duties of Masonry in a constitutional manner, according to the Order and regulations of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

That we have nominated, and do desire Bro. John W. Timson to be the first Master, Bro. Thomas G. Potter to be the first Senior Warden, and Bro. Henry Basley to be the first Junior Warden. And if this petition be granted we promise to conform strictly to all the constitutional laws and regulations of the R. W. Grand Lodge and the ancient usages of the Order.

JOHN W. TIMSON, of Silēntia Lodge, No. 360, now "No. 198."

HENRY BASLEY, " " " " "

ADOLPHUS ANDREAS, German Union, No. 322, now "No. 54."

THOMAS G. POTTER, (name of Lodge not known.)

GEORGE G. SICKLES, " " "

ABRAHAM JACOBS, " " "

JOSEPH TAYLOR, " " "

The petitioners were recommended by

Washington Lodge, No. 84, now "No. 21,"
 Benevolent Lodge, No. 142, now "No. 28," and
 Concord Lodge, No. 304, now "No. 50."

This petition was favorably received by the R. W. Grand Lodge, and a Dispensation granted, and on the 13th day of January, A. L. 5824, the R. W. Grand Master, Martin Hoffman, empowered the following Brethren to install the officers of York Lodge:

LEBBEUS CHAPMAN,.....	as	<i>Grand Master.</i>
B. SPENCE,.....	"	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
ALEXANDER CASCADEN,.....	"	<i>Junior "</i>
H. SANDS,.....	"	<i>Treasurer.</i>
E. S. BELLAMY,.....	"	<i>Secretary.</i>
AMASA HIGGINS,.....	"	<i>Senior Deacon.</i>
ISAAC PHYFE,.....	"	<i>Junior "</i>

A Lodge of Master Masons being opened in ancient form, Wor. Bro. Chapman read a Dispensation from the R. W. Martin Hoffman, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, authorizing the Brethren therein named to form and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in the City of New York, under the name of "York Lodge."

Wor. Bro. Chapman then proceeded (pursuant to a Warrant directed to him for that purpose) to install the following Brethren as officers of York Lodge:

JOHN W. TIMSON, as.....	<i>Master.</i>
THOMAS G. POTTER, ".....	<i>Senior Warden.</i>
HENRY BASLEY, ".....	<i>Junior Warden and Treasurer.</i>
ADOLPHUS ANDREAS, ".....	<i>Secretary.</i>

After the usual charges had been given, and proclamation made agreeably to the ancient usages of

the Fraternity, the officers of York Lodge took their several stations, when Bro. Potter proposed for membership the following named gentlemen: Peter Coutant and Isaac Clagg; and Bro. Basley proposed William Marshall.

On motion it was resolved that their names be entered on the minutes and handed to Bros. Potter, Basley and Taylor as a Special Committee for investigation.

Wor. Bro. Chapman, on behalf of York Lodge, returned thanks to the Officers and Brethren of Benevolent Lodge for their kindness in tendering the use of their Jewels and giving their assistance on this occasion.

No further business offering, the Lodge was closed with a demonstration of satisfaction and pleasure.

EDWD. S. BELLAMY, *Act. Secretary.*

At a regular communication of York Lodge, No. 367, held at St. John's Hall, Jan. 20th, A. L. 5824, the Lodge being opened on the E. A. Degree and no business appearing, the Lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

ADOLPHUS ANDREAS, *Sec'y.*

Jan. 29th. Mr. Isaac Clagg, being duly elected to become a member of this Lodge, paid the sum of twenty dollars as initiation fee, and the Degree of E. A. was then conferred upon him.

Feb. 3rd. Isaac Clagg was brought forward and received the F. C. Degree; and on the same evening Bro. Alex. Cascaden, Senior Warden of Benevolent Lodge, No. 142, presented an elegant bound copy of