History
Petoskey Masonic Lodge 344

THE HISTORY OF PETOSKEY LODGE 344

THE FIRST MEETING HELD FOR THE FORMATION OF THE MASONIC LODGE WAS HELD APRIL 15, 1876. THIS MEETING WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN HELD IN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WHICH STOOD WHERE THE MANPOWER OFFICE IS NOW. THERE WERE TWELVE MASONS PRESENT. H.O. ROSE WAS CHOSEN CHAIRMAN AND ROZELLE ROSE , SECRETARY. THE FOLLOWING 3 WERE APPOINTED AS A COMMITTEE TO FIND OUT HOW MANY WOULD ASSIST IN ORGANIZING A LODGE . THE FOLLOWING WEEK THEY REPORTED THIRTY TWO MEN WOULD JOIN THEM IN ORGANIZING A LODGE. H.O. ROSE OFFERED TO BUILD A LODGE, 24 X 60 FEET AND RENT IT TO THE LODGE FOR $125.00 PER YEAR, FOR A TERM OF FIVE YEARS. THIS WAS TO BE LOCATED OVER A GENERAL STORE OWNED BY H.O. ROSE, WHICH STANDS WHERE THE MCCABE HARDWARE STORE WAS. THE FIRST MEETING IN THE NEW HALL WAS ON JUNE 24TH. THE FIRST MEETING HELD UNDER DISPENSATION WAS HELD SEPTEMBER 27, 1876. AT THIS MEETING A COMMUNICATION WAS READ FROM THE INTERNATIONAL ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS RELATIVE TO RENTING THE LODGE ROOM, THIS WAS LATER TURNED DOWN.

THE CHARTER FROM GRAND LODGE IS DATED JANUARY 24, 1877, AND THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS WHERE INSTALLED FEBRUARY 27, 1877: (WM) ALBERT L. HATHAWAY, (SW) JUDGE CHARLES J. PAILTHORP, (JW) JAMES BUCKLEY, (TR) HIRAM O. ROSE, (SR) ABNER S. LEE, (SD) ROZELLE ROSE, (JD) J.A.C. ROWAN, (ST) EDWARD KINNEY, (ST) LEWIS C. WATSON, (TR) JOSEPH HOLLAND.

FEBRUARY 25, 1880 THE LODGE RECEIVED A REQUEST FOR THE ROYAL ARCH MASONS TO RENT THE LODGE ROOMS. THIS WAS GRANTED APRIL 21, 1880 AND THE CHAPTER WAS TO PAY HALF OF THE RENT, FUEL AND LIGHTS.

THE OTHER MASONIC BODIES CAME IN, IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER: EMMET CHAPTER, JANUARY 19, 1881, IVANHOE COMMANDRY, MAY 13, 1884, BEULAH CHAPTER, OCTOBER 9, 1890, AND FINALLY THE QUEEN ESTHER SHRINE, OCTOBER 8, 1909.

OF THE MEMBERS AS OF 1957, THE EIGHTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF PETOSKEY LODGE 344 THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS ARE SENIOR: TOM DODDS, RAISED 1894, CHALMERS CURTIS, RAISED 1889, C.C. EDDY, RAISED 1891, AND DR. C.J. GRAY, RAISED 1901.

THE LODGE HAS BEEN SITUATED IN THE SNYDER BUILDING, THE FOCHTMAN BUILDING, AND IN ITS PRESENT LOCATION WHICH WAS

REQUESTED TO MEET AT THEIR NEW HALL ON NEXT WEDNESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 27TH, TO EFFECT A PERMANENT ORGANIZATION, AS EVERY THING IS NOW IN READINESS. BY ORDER OF THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

SEPTEMBER 29, 1876, "DURAND" LODGE UNDER DISPENSATION OF THE ORDER OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS WAS DULY ORGANIZED AT THIS PLACE ON LAST WEDNESDAY EVENING. THE OFFICERS ARE AS FOLLOWS: WM, A.L. HATHAWAY, SW, C.J. PAILTHORP, JW, JAMES BUCKLEY, TREAS., H.O. ROSE, SEC., A.S. LEE, SD, R. ROSE, JD, A.C. ROWAN, TR, J. HOLLAND.

OCTOBER 20, 1876, FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT IN PAPER: DURAND LODGE F. & A.M. REGULAR COMMUNICATION ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS PRECEDING THE FULL OF THE MOON. SIGNED, A.L. HATHAWAY, WORSHIPFUL MASTER & A.S. LEE, SECRETARY.

NOVEMBER 3, 1876, SEVERAL PROMINENT LITTLE TRAVERSE-ITES WERE IN TOWN WEDNESDAY EVENING ON BUSINESS CONNECTED WITH THE F & M FRATERNITY.

DECEMBER 8, 1876, THE GRAND LODGE F& A.M. WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL CONVENTION IN GRAND RAPIDS COMMENCING JANUARY 23RD.

DECEMBER 22, 1876, THERE WILL BE A REGULAR COMMUNICATION OF DURAND LODGE F & A.M. ON NEXT WEDNESDAY EVENING. A GENERAL ATTENDANCE IS DESIRED.

JANUARY 5, 1877, GRAND LODGE F & A.M. OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN MEETS THIS MONTH IN GRAND RAPIDS.

FEBRUARY 9, 1877, MASONIC--AT THE NEXT REGULAR COMMUNICATION OF DURAND LODGE NO. 344 OF F & A.M., FEBRUARY 21, 1877 THE ELECTION OF OFFICERS WILL TAKE PLACE. MEMBERS PLEASE TAKE NOTICE., A.L. HATHAWAY, WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

FEBRUARY 16, 1877, THE LODGE OF F & A.M. AT THIS PLACE WHICH HAS BEEN WORKING UNDER A DISPENSATION, RECEIVED IT'S CHARTER AT THE SESSION OF THE GRAND LODGE RECENTLY HELD AT GRAND RAPIDS AND NOW EVERYTHING LOOKS BRIGHT FOR THE FUTURE. ITS NUMBER IS 344.

FEBRUARY 23, 1877, AT THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF DURAND LODGE 344 HELD ON LAST WEDNESDAY EVENING, AT THEIR LODGE ROOM, THE FOLLOWING WHERE DULY ELECTED: A.L. HATHAWAY,

ACTIVE MEMBERS. THE MEETING NIGHT HAS BEEN CHANGED TO MONDAY. THE OFFICERS FOR 2000 ARE AS FOLLOWS: WORSHIPFUL MASTER, WILLIAM J. BUREK, SENIOR WARDEN, VICTOR SHANLEY, JUNIOR WARDEN, GREGORY BILLIARD, SENIOR DEACON, G. STEVEN SPLAN, JUNIOR DEACON, WILLIAM HANSEN, TREASURER, WILLARD SPLAN, SECRETARY, EUGENE SWITZER, TILER, ROBERT GREENWELL, STEWARD, ARNOLD HUDSON, AND CHAPLAIN, THE REV. ROBERT KYSER.

"Take it Easy, Youngster"



Judge C. J. Pailthorp, Petoskey, who will be 100 years old next Christmas, jokes Clarence Hooper next Grand Master of the State Masons (left), and present C Master Paul O. Strawhecker, who visited there last Friday.

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1947 May 15 Otsego County Herald Times and Judge Pailthorp of Petoskey with Masons

MASONIC ADDRESS

DELIVERED BY THE REV. J. R. SAVAGE OF KALKASKA , FEBRUARY 27, 1877, TO MARK THE FIRST INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS OF THE NEWLY CHARTERED, DURAND LODGE 344, PETOSKEY, MICHIGAN

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN BRETHERAN OF THE MYSTIC TIE:

THE OCCASION WHICH HAS CALLED US TOGETHER IS ONE OF NO ORDINARY INTEREST, FOR THE REASON, THAT IT IS THE FIRST ONE OF ITS KIND IN THE HISTORY OF THE MASONIC FRATERINTY IN THIS COUNTY. FIRST EVENTS, AND FIRST THINGS, NOT INFREQUENTLY AWAKEN AND INTEREST AND IMPRESS THE MIND, AS NO SUBSEQUENT REPITITION OF THE SAME THING CAN. FAMILIARITY, SOMETIMES DIQUALIFIES THE MIND FOR APPRECIATING EVEN THE LOVELY AND SUBLIME; WE GROW CARELESS AND INDIFFERENT TO THOSE THINGS WHICH ARE OF THE FIRST IMPORTANCE. BUT MEMORY TRUE TO ITS OFFICE EVER AND ALONE CALLS UP THE PAST, PAST EVENTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES, PAST ASSOCIATIONS—ESPECIALLY THOSE WHICH THRILLED OUR MINDS WITH JOY, OR THOSE WHICH WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN OPENING OUR EYES TO THE TRUTH AND DISPELLING OUR DOUBTS, DARKNESS AND FEARS. THESE ARE LAID AWAY IN THE ARCHIVES OF MEMORY NEVER TO BE FORGOTTEN WHILE MIND RETAINS ITS EQUIPOISE, AND LONG AFTER OTHER EVENTS SHALL HAVE FADED AWAY, THESE WILL BE FRESH AS THE EVERGREEN. THE FIRST AND EARLY EVENTS OF OUR CHILDHOOD ARE ILLUSTRATIVE OF THESE REMARKS. WHO OF US DOES NOT REMEMBER WITH FONDNESS THE IMPRESSIONS MADE UPON OUR YOUNG NATURES, WHEN FOR THE FIRST TIME WE WITNESSED THE SCENE, WHICH WAS CALCULATED TO MINISTER TO OUR NATIVE CURIOSITY, OR QUENCH THE THIRST OF THE UNDYING MIND FOR KNOWLEDGE—NONE OF US HAVE FORGOTTEN, AND SUCH I TRUST WILL BE THE CASE THIS EVENING; AS HERE WE FIND OURSELVES PARTIALLY WITHDRAWN FROM THE GAZE OF THE WORLD, AND UNDER THE OMNICIENT EYE OF OUR FATHER.

WE ARE HERE TO WITNESS THE SIMPLE AND YET IMPOSING CEREMONIES OF THE MASONIC INSTALLATION, THE LEGAL INDUCTION OF THOSE CHOSEN BRETHERAN INTO OFFICE. THESE CREMONIES ARE NOT UNMEANING, ALTHOUGH THEIR FULL IMPORT MAY NOT BE FULLY COMPREHENDED NOR APPRECIATED BY THE UNINIATED, BUT TO THE INITIATED, THE AUTHORITY WHICH THEY IMPART, OR CONFIRM, IS CLEARLY DISCERNED AND FULLY

UNDERSTOOD, AND HENCE TO SUCH A ONE THEY ARE FULL OF MEANING, AS THEY SILENTLY, YET INMISTAKABLY POINT TO THE WORK TO BE ACCOMPLISHED BY THE CRAFT DURING THE PRESENT YEAR. MUCH OF THE PROSPERITY, PEACE AND TRANQUILITY OF THIS LODGE DEPENDS UPON THE FAITHFULNESS AND FIDELITY WITH WHICH THESE OFFICERS DISCHARGE THEIR DUTIES, AND LIKE MEN MEET THEIR MASONIC RESPONSIBILITIES; BUT I HAVE NO DOUBT, KNOWING THEM AS I DO, AS TO THEIR ABILITY AND DISPOSITION TO GOVERN THEMSELVES ACCORDINGLY, TO THE MAGNITUDE OF THEIR OBLIGATION. BUT I HEAR THE HUSHED AND SILENT INQUIRY COMING UP FROM THE MINDS OF SOME OF MY AUDIENCE, WHAT IS MASONRY; AND WHAT ARE ITS AIMS; WHAT ARE ITS THEOLOGICAL VIEWS? THESE QUESTIONS I NOW PROPOSE TO ANSWER, NOT EXHAUSTIVELY, BUT BRIEFLY.

MASONRY IS COMPOSED OF PRINCIPLES AND HISTORICAL INCIDENTS DRAWN FROM THE HOLY BIBLE; PRINCIPLES UNDERLYING AND RUNNING ALL THROUGH THE TEACHINGS OF THE INSPIRED VOLUME. THESEHAVE BEEN, AND ARE, ACKNOWLEDGE AND ADMIRED BY THE WISE OF THE PRESENT AND PAST GENERATIONS OF MANKIND. AND WHERE THESE PRINCIPLES ARE ALLOWED TO EXERT THEIR INFLUENCE AND POWER, THEY TEND TO MAKE MEN HUMANE, WISE, AND GOOD. MASONRY IN ITS PRACTICAL OPERATIONS SEEKS TO CARRY OUT THESE PRINCIPLES, IN WAYS PECULIAR TO ITSELF, THROUGH SYMBOLS AND CEREMONIES ALIKE IMPRESSIVE AND SOLEMN. THERE IS NOTHING IN THE TEACHING OF THE ORDER, SUBVERSIVE OF GOOD GOVERNMENT, OR THAT IN ANYWAY INTERFERES WITH THE DUTIES WE OWE TO GOD, TO OUR FAMILIES, OR TO OUR COUNTRY.

MASONRY, IN ITS ORGANIZED FORM, IS FOUND IN LODGES WITH ITS WORKING UTENSILS, ALL OF WHICH SYMBOLIZE SOME GREAT FACT, AND ILLUSTRATES THE GRAND, THE FUNDAMENTAL, THE BEAUTIFUL, AS SET FORTH IN THE LIFE OF HIM WHO SPOKE AS NEVER MAN SPOKE. THESE HALLS AND WORKING TOOLS MAY BE CONSUMED BY FIRE, OR SWEPT AWAY BY THE SWEEPING TORNADO, AND YET MASONRY, SO FAR AS ITS PRINCIPLES ARE CONCERNED REMAINS UNHARMED, UNCHANGED, FOR THE REASON THAT THEY ARE FOUNDED UPON A ROCK, AND HENCE ARE IMPERISHABLE.

MASONRY IS A TREE OF STALWART TRUCK, BENEATH WHOSE SHADOW THE REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL CIVILIZED NATIONS ARE GATHERING. THEY COME FROM THE EAST AND THE WEST, FROM THE NORTH AND SOUTH, WITTING DOWN IN UNISON, AND OPERATING IN

ENLIGHTEN THEIR UNDERSTANDING AND PREPARE THEM FOR THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF LIFE'S NOBLE MISSION. HERE THEY LEARN TO SUBDUE THEIR PASSIONS AND IMPROVE THEMSELVES IN ALL THOSE VIRTUES WHICH GO SO FAR IN CONSTITUTING A GENUINE MAN, A MAN OF THE HIGHER AND NOBLER SORT. AND IF ANY FAIL TO BECOME SUCH, AS NO DOUBT MANY DO, IT IS NOT BECAUSE OF ANY DEFECT IN THE INSTRUCTION GIVEN, BUT TO THE WAYWARDNESS, WEAKNESS AND FRAILITY OF POOR DERANGED HUMANITY. IN THIS SCHOOL WE ARE TAUGHT BY SUITABLE EMBLEMS, OUR NATIVE PVERTY, AND MADE TO FEEL HOW DEPENDENT MAN IS. WE ARE MADE TO SEE OURSELVES AS NEVER BERFORE—EMPTY HANDED, GROPING IN THE DARK;NEEDING, OH, HOW MUCH THE SYMPATHY, AND THE HELPING HAND OF A BROTHER TO BRING THE DESIRED RELIEF. AGAIN, IN THIS SCHOOL THE LESSONS OF HONESTY ARE TAUGHT, REQUIRING THE STUDENT OF ACT, ALWAYS ACT, SQUARELY WITH ALL MEN; HENCE, DISHONESTY, HYPOCRISY ARE NOT THE TENETS OF THIS ANCIENT INSTITUTION. NO MAN CAN BE A MASON IN THE TRUE SENSE OF THE WORD, WHO DOES NOT DEPORT HIMSELF HONESTLY, SQUARELY, GENTLEMANLY, ACCORDING TO THE INSTRUCTIONS EVER AND ALONE REITERATED, TO, AND IN THE PRESENCE OF THE CRAFT. MASONRY APPEALS TO NOTHING LOW, VULGAR, OR MEAN FOR SUPPORT; NOR DOES IT PANDER TO THE BASIC PASSIONS OF MANKIND, BUT RATHER APPEALS TO THAT WHICH IS NOBLE, LOFTY, PURE AND INSPIRING. HENCE, THE INSTITUTION AIMS TO ELEVATE ABOVE THAT WHICH IS UNGODLY, ROUGH OR UNCOUTH; HENCE, NO MAN CAN BE A MASON AND A ROWDY, A ROUGH, THE TWO ARE AS FAR APART AS THE POLLS. BUT, YOU SAY I HAVE KNOWN SUCH—NO, THOSE TO WHOM YOU REFER WERE BACKSLIDERS—THEY HAD FALLEN FROM GRACE, LEFT THEIR ESTATE AND DRIFTED IN TO INFAMY, SHAME AND DISGRACE.

AGAIN MASONRY HAS FOR ONE OF ITS OBJECTS, THE RELIEF OF THE WIDOW AND EDUCATION OF THE ORPHAN.

COULD I LIFT THE CURTAIN WHICH HANGS OVER THOUSANDS OF HOMES MADE DARK AND SAD BY BEREAVEMENT. I SHOULD DISCLOSE TO YOUR VIEW A LIGHT THROWING ITS BEAM ATHWART THE GLOOM OF THE HOME BEREFTED OF ITS NATURAL PROTECTOR AND PROVIDER—THAT LIGHT REVEALS BREAD FOR THE HUNGRY, CLOTHING FOR THE DESTITUTE, HOME COMFORTS FOR THOSE, WHO, IN MANY INSTANCES WOULD OTHERWISE BECOME PAUPERS, AND PERHAPS FILL A PAUPER'S GRAVE. THAT LIGHT SHINES ON AMID LIFE'S RUDEST TEMPEST, BRINGING CHEER AND COMFORT TO THE SOLITARY AND LONELY WIDOW, AND SAVING BY ITS INFLUENCE A RESORT TO CRIME AS A MEANS TO OBTAIN THE NECESSARIES OF LIFE.

THE JUST PENALTY OF RIGHTEOUS LAW THAT NONE CAN ESCAPE, ALTHOUGH THEY MAY FLEE TO THE MOUNTAINS OR SEEK TO CROSS THE DEEP SEA, BUT EVENTS WILL BE SO ORDERED AS TO PREVENT ESCAPE, AND FROM THE GUILTY ONES SHALL BE EXTORTED TRUTHFUL CONFESSIONS, AS TO THE PART THE PLAYED IN THE MORNFUL TRANSACTION. DOES THIS LOOK AS THOUGH MASONRY BOUNDS Its SUBJECTS TO THWART THE PURPOSES OF LAW, OR INTERFERED WITH THE LEGITIMATE WORKINGS OF RIGHTEOUS JUDGEMENT? BY NO MEANS. BUT THEN, SAYS ONE, ARE NOT MASONS OBLIGATED TO SUPPORT AND DEFEND EACH OTHER—YES, IN EVERYTHING THAT IS RIGHT. IN THE ABSENCE OF OBLIGATION HOW LITTLE IS ACCOMPLISHED IN PRACTICAL LIFE. IF IT IS DESIRABLE TO SEE THE GREATEST POSSIBLE AMOUNT OF GOOD ACCOMPLISHED IN THE WORLD, WHY LET MEN FEEL THE POWER OF OBLIGATION, AND IT SERVES TO STIMULATE TO ACTION, STIRS UP THE MIND BY WAY OF REMEMERANCE DEVELOPING ALL THE LATENT POWERS OF THE HUMAN SOUL, AND FIRES THEM WITH A BURNING ZEAL. MASONRY OBLIGATES ITS DEVOTEES TO BE FOUND SPREADING THE CEMENT OF BROTHERLY LOVE AND CHARITY, TO PROTECT VIRTUE, AND TO BE FOUND DOING OUR DUTY IN THE CHAMBER OF DISEASE MINISTERING KINDNESS AND COMFORT TO THE DISTRESSED AND UNFORTUNATE. IN A WORD, MASONRY SEEKS TO FOSTER ALL THOSE VIRTUES THAT MAKE MAN, OR A NATION, GREAT OR GOOD.

LASTLY, AFTER HAVING DONE WHAT IT COULD FOR THE BENEFIT OF BOTH BODY AND SOUL IN THIS LIFE, MASONRY TURNS THE THOUGHTS, AND DIRECTS THE EYE OF THE DYING BROTHER TO THE LAND OF IMMORTALITY. IT POINTS UPWARD TO THE NEW JERUSALEM AND TELLS OF REST, WHERE NOT THE SOUND OF THE HAMMER IS HEARD, WHERE THE SPIRIT SHALL REGALE ITSELF, AMID THE EMBOWERING SCENES, AND ENCHANTING MUSIC SWELLS THE BOSOM, AND BREAKS FORTH FROM HEART AND LIPS AND TONGUE OF ALL THESE WHO IN THE LODGE HERE BELOW WERE SO FORTUNATE AS TO IMPROVE THEMSELVES SO AS TO POSSESS A REGENERATED NATURE, AND FOUND IN POSSESSION OF THE PASSWORD WHICH SHALL ADMIT THEM INTO THE GRAND LODGE ABOVE, INTO THE CITY WITHOUT HAND ETERNAL AND IN THE HEAVENS.

THE MASONIC FESTIVAL

The Petoskey City Record
December 19, 1883

The social event of the season came off on Monday evening, in h{sp} large and completely appointed rooms of the Masonic fraternity in the Snyder Block, and proved to be the largest, most successful, and enjoyable party ever given in Petoskey. It would be in vain to attempt to give the names of the hundreds of guests. Suffice it to say that in addition to a large number of distinguished guests from Charlevoix and Harbor Springs, all the brains, beauty and fashion of Petoskey were gathered to do honor to the generous host, and partake of their good cheer. The rooms cover the whole of the third floor of the Snyder Block, and are elegantly furnished throughout. In addition to the large hall used for the various convocations of the different orders of Masonry, there is a ladies parlor, gentleman's withdrawing room, banquet hall, kitchen, pantry, closets, etc., making a complete suite of apartments for the use of the orders, for both public and private occasions. The Masonic brethren with their wives and guests began to assemble at 7 o'clock and by 8 o'clock the large rooms were filled to overflowing. Attentive and smiling ushers gathered the people into the great hall, where all were comfortably seated, and a few minutes after eight the formal exercises of the evening were opened.

A choir composed of Mrs. Mills, the Misses Loou and Stella Brackett, and Nelly Hankey, and Messrs, Mills, Ewing and Orser rendered an anthem, after which Rev. W. S. Putter offered a short and appropriate prayer. Worshipful Master James Buckley then announced that owing to the sudden illness of Rev. Mr. Iddings, of Charlevoix, who had been announced for a Masonic lecture, they had prevailed upon Rev. Mr. Potter to make an address, where upon Mr. Potter made a ten minute speech, which, in view of the embarrassing circumstances under which he was placed, and the fact the he is not a member of the fraternity, was an exceedingly happy effort, and highly appreciated by all present. Then followed the impressive installation ceremonies of the Royal Arch degree, followed by the installation of the officers of the Blue Lodge; and as the grand truths and sublime principles contained in the charges and lectures of the installing officers fell upon the ears of the interested audience, they touch a common chord of humanity that made us all masons for the occasion.

The ceremonies were interspersed with songs by the choir, and at their close the banquet hall was thrown open, and eth elegantly decorated and well-filled tables surrounded by a happy and hungry crowd. Three times were the long tables filled and emptied before all were supplied, and so generous had been the catering, that on Tuesday a large amount of provisions was distributed among the worthy poor of the village. Altogether it was a delightful occasion, and we congratulate our hosts on the success of the affair, and the universal satisfaction expressed with their management.

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Petoskey City Record
Thursday, April 28, 1881

Mrs. J.S. Coffman has completed for her husband a beautiful Masonic apron, the front of the apron being of white satin and the back of blue satin. It is appropriately ornamented with Masonic emblems worked in gold thread, and ornamented at the borders with gold spangles. It is larger and much superior in workmanship and costliness of material to the Masonic aprons retailed at $20, and Jo has good reason not only to be proud of his apron, but of his wife, whose fingers so deftly arranged this exquisite specimen of an essential article of Masonic uniform.
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PETOSKEY MASONS

The Petoskey City Record
Wednesday, June 18, 1884

The two columns for the Masonic temple, designed, built and carved, by A. Lindell, and now being painted and gilded by Mr. S.S. Lampson, are a credit to the mechanics manual. They are very chaste and graceful in design, elegant in workmanship, and will be an ornament to Masonic Hall.

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The Petoskey Evening News
And Dailey Resorter
Saturday, September 26, 1908

MASONS DEDICATE
Royal Reception at the Lodge Rooms
Friday Night

Taking advantage of the presence of the Michigan Masonic Grand Lodge officers in the city, Durand Lodge, No. 314, F. & A. M., pressed them into service in the dedication of their new temple and rooms on Mitchell Street. The dedicatory ceremony took place behind closed doors, not that the public need be excluded, but that there was insufficient room to accommodate all who might desire to witness the proceedings, and there was none but Masons admitted.

The ceremony was according to the Masonic ritual, and after that was over the lodge room was thrown open to the public.

All through the earlier part of the evening the lodge room and reception halls were thronged with visitors, ladies and gentlemen, who were served with punch and wafers, and a most genial time was enjoyed by the more than 200 who participated in the festivities.

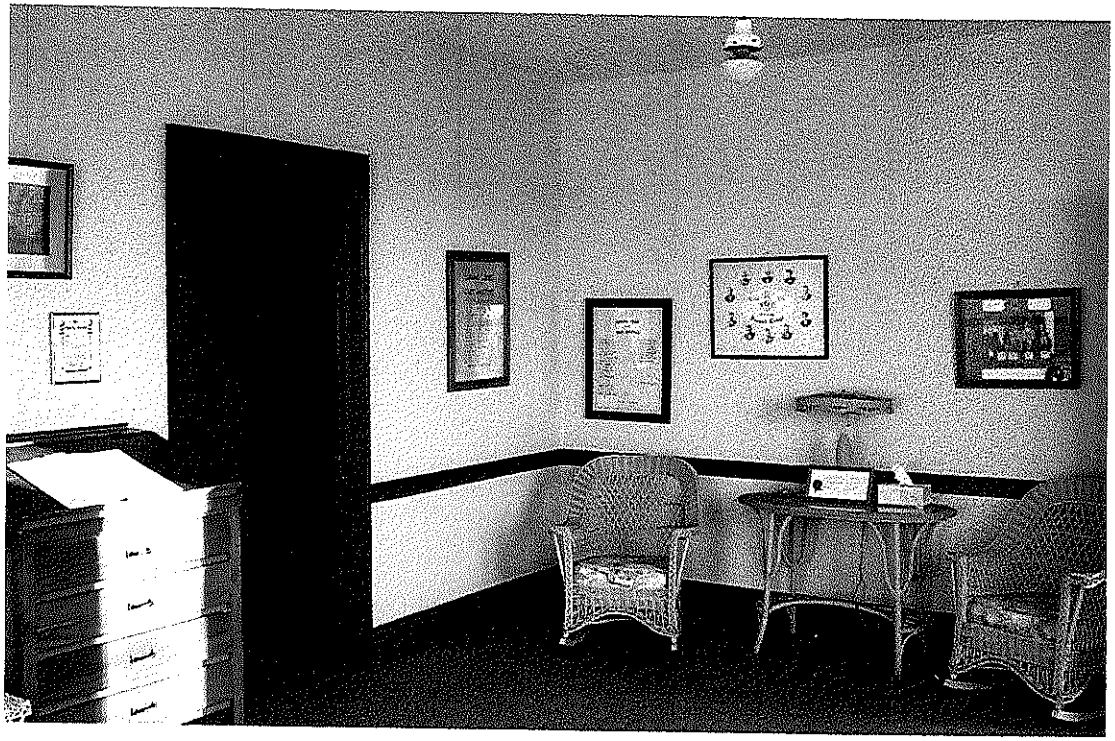
The Masons of Petoskey have a palatial little place and most handsomely furnished, and have every reason to be proud of the splendid surroundings.
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Masonic Lodge 344
405 E. Lake Street
Petoskey, Michigan

1st picture
Entry Stairs from street

2nd & 3rd pictures
Lounge at entry to lounge room



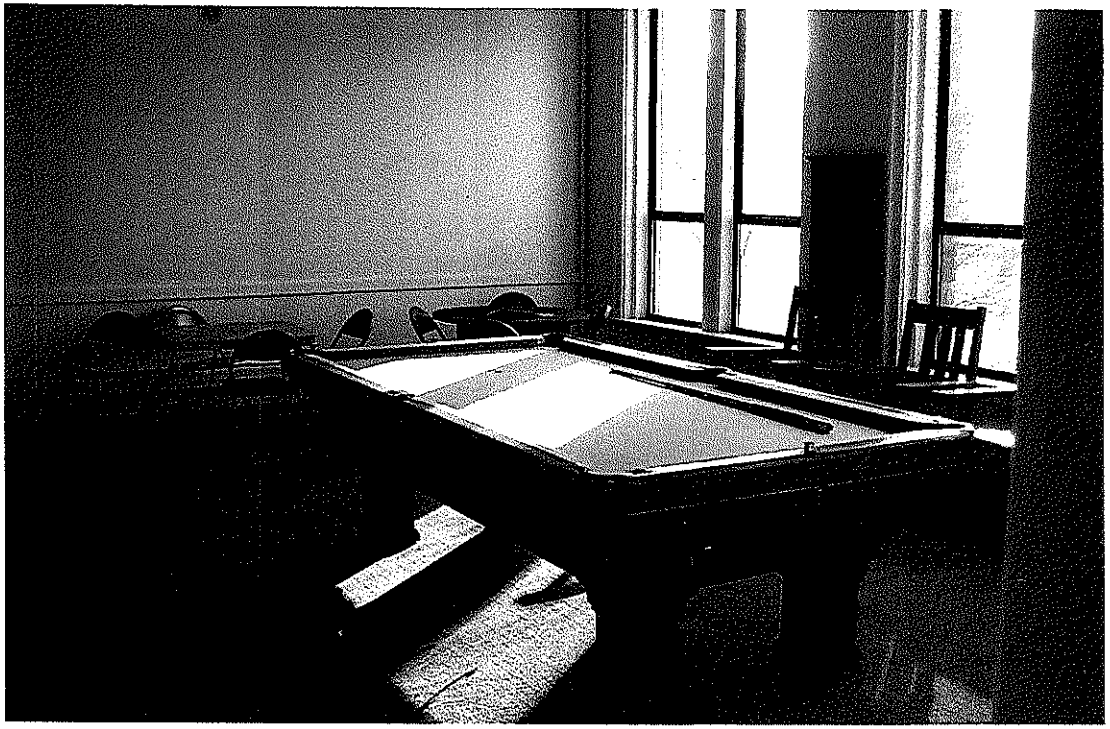


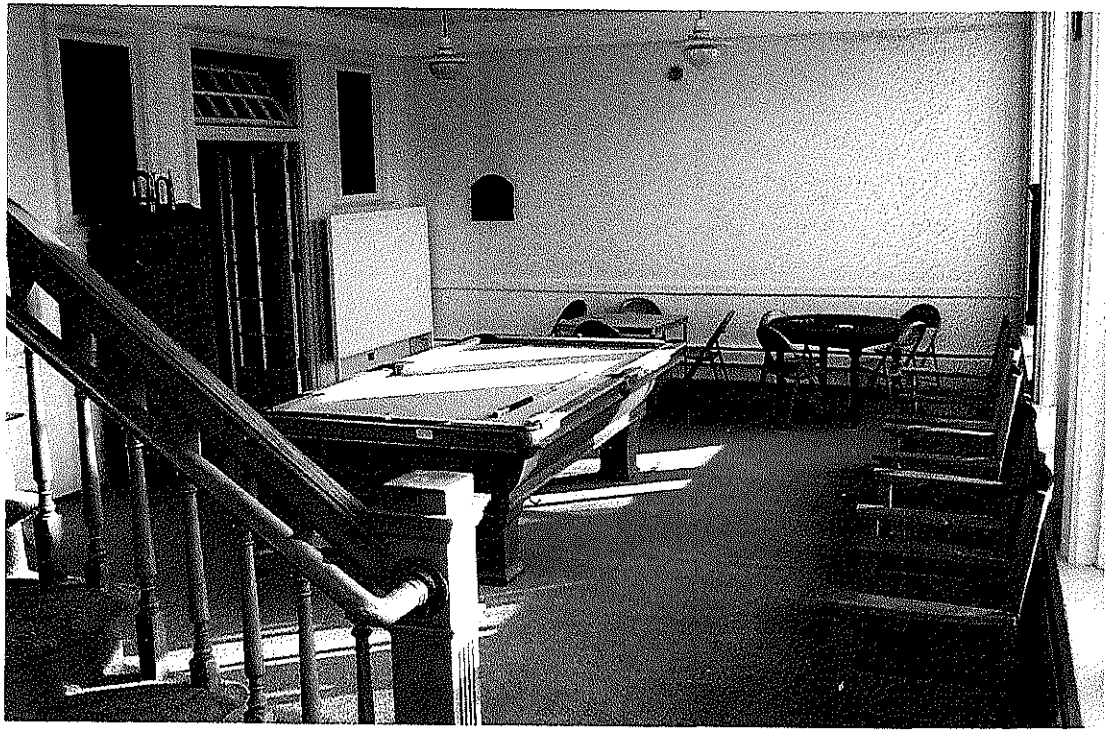


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405 E. Lake Street
Petoskey, Michigan

Second Story
Social Area







Masonic Lodge 344
405 E. Lake Street, Petoskey, Michigan
1st picture
Dining room

2nd picture
Alter in Lodge room

3rd picture
Looking East in Lodge room

