

INSTALLATION AND BANQUET

MT. MORIAH CELEBRATES AN IMPORTANT OCCASION.

New Officers of the Oldest Masonic Lodge in Utah Installed—Ceremonies Followed by a Banquet.

The members of Mt. Moriah lodge No. 2, A. F. and A. M., held their annual installation of officers last night in Masonic Hall. Grand Master A. S. Chapman performed the installation ceremonies, assisted by the grand officers. The following is a list of the officers for the ensuing year:

William J. Lynch, W. M.; Charles E. Stanton, S. W.; Joseph H. Young, J. W.; Harry T. Duke, treasurer; Christopher Diehl, secretary; Joseph G. Bywater, S. D.; Walter F. Goode, J. D.; Edward H. Mack, S. S.; Henry G. Gregory, J. S.; J. Frederick Corker, T.; Louis Cohn, trustee for three years.

The installation ceremonies were not public, but regardless of this fact a splendid banquet followed, to which the members endeavored to do justice. During the progress of the banquet, Grand Master A. S. Chapman addressed the assembled Masons upon the responsibility that attached to Masonry. He was followed by C. E. Stanton, who read an original and humorous poem, in which nearly every member of Mt. Moriah lodge was supposed to be assigned to a special duty, the particular obligation being in harmony with the every-day pursuits of the member.

Joe Young responded with an address in a similar view, but shortly after adopted a more serious tone and impressed his hearers with the fact that, while he was enjoying himself, the solemnity of the rites of the order, and its obligations, were ever uppermost with him.

Mr. Young was followed by the retiring Past Master Surbaugh, and Past Master R. N. Baskin. Mayor Baskin reviewed the early struggles of Masonry in Utah and the early history of Mt. Moriah lodge in particular. He thought that the Masons should have purchased a lot years ago, as he had advocated, and constructed a Masonic Temple. Masonry had now assumed such proportions in the Territory, and in Salt Lake especially, that this temple was now almost a necessity.

Christopher Diehl was the next speaker. He also reviewed the history of the lodge since its institution in 1868; and it is worthy of note that last night was Mr. Diehl's silver wedding with Mt. Moriah. Twenty-five years ago last night he was first installed as secretary, and in every year succeeding that time he has served as an officer of the lodge, but most of that time in the capacity to which he was first elected, and to which he was again elected last night.

Harry Haynes, another past master of Mt. Moriah, addressed the assemblage, and was succeeded by Dr. Hill in an eloquent address on Masonry and Christianity. He touched briefly on his investigations of the ruins of Solomon's temple during his visit to the Holy Land, and the logical connection between Christianity and Masonry.

The last speaker of the evening was Past Master John Hardie. Two of his young kinsmen had just been installed as officers of Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 2, and to them he directed his admonitory remarks. These were Will J. Lynch, W. M., and Joe H. Young, J. W.

This closed the ceremonies of the evening, and after the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" the members of Mt. Moriah Lodge No. 2 disbanded.

While Mt. Moriah is designated as No. 2, it is in reality the oldest lodge in Masonry in Utah, having been established in 1868, but through some technicality its charter was not received until after the charter had been issued to Wasatch Lodge No. 1.