

GREAT MASONIC DAY IN OGDEN; THE NEW TEMPLE IS DEDICATED

Thousands Visited the Beautiful Edifice and Admired the Interior Embellishments—Speeches Made By Many of the Prominent Masons—Giving of the Key to the Temple—Other Ceremonials

Thousands of people from all parts of the intermountain country visited the Masonic Temple yesterday. The building was open to the public from 2 p. m. till 4 p. m. and it is estimated that during that time over two thousand people visited the temple. A corps of uniformed Knights Templar and the officers of the Eastern Star acted as reception committees and conducted the visitors through the rooms. On the second floor an orchestra furnished music during the public reception and refreshments were served on the third floor.

The interior furnishings of the temple are all of exquisite workmanship. The woodwork in the various rooms is for the most part polished in its natural state. There are two lodge rooms, one a commodious assembly room and the other somewhat smaller, an armory hall and officers' quarters. These are all on the second floor. The third floor contains a large banquet hall and several smaller rooms.

Preparations for this magnificent structure were commenced about five years ago. Work on excavation began April 27, 1905, and the corner stone was laid June 11, 1905. The cost of the building and ground is about \$50,000, and the furnishings about \$3,000. There is now a bonded indebtedness of about \$30,000, which has been equally shared between the Ogden State bank, the First National bank and the Commercial National bank.

The work of construction has been under the direction of C. D. Ives, Worshipful Master Malone H. P., and Fred Voll, E. C. The architects were A. F. Parker and J. A. Smith, while the contract work was in the hands of C. J. Humphries.

The Temple association committee was composed of S. W. Badcon, J. S. Lewis, A. R. Heywood, R. T. Hume, F. W. Voll and W. J. Shealy.

Promptly at 4 o'clock the lights were turned on in the large hall, the visitors retired and Weber Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons was called to order for the purpose of dedicating the temple. Over two hundred Masons were present, and, dressed in their white aprons, signified their readiness to proceed with the dedication.

Worshipful Master C. D. Ives had hardly called the lodge to order when the officers of the grand lodge of Utah were announced and were promptly admitted and took charge of the proceedings. The grand lodge officers who attended were:

- Most worshipful grand master, S. W. Badcon.
- Deputy grand master, A. S. Chapman.
- Senior grand warden, James H. Brown.
- Junior grand warden, George V. Schramm.
- Grand treasurer, John S. Scott.
- Grand secretary, Christopher Diehl.
- Grand chaplain, John M. Hansen.
- Grand orator, H. R. Macmillan.
- Grand lecturer, R. L. Cobely.
- Grand marshal, Sam C. Park.
- Grand pursuivant, Harry Knowles.
- Grand standard bearer, C. W. Lawrence.
- Grand sword bearer, J. H. McCoy.
- Grand senior deacon, A. V. McIntosh.
- Grand junior deacon, W. T. Beardsley.
- Grand senior steward, A. F. Parker.
- Grand junior steward, John F. Berry.
- Grand tyler, Adolph Anderson.

A Beautiful Clock.
Before the dedicatory ceremony began John E. Bagley arose and in a few well chosen words presented to Weber lodge on behalf of H. C. Woods, who is better remembered as the son-in-law of Capt. E. T. Hulaniski, a beautiful clock, which cost over \$750. The woodwork was wrought in Philadelphia and the clock proper was made in Boston. The clock is said to be the most unique and expensive time-keeper in the entire Rocky mountain region. Mr. Woods is a member of Weber lodge and his Masonic pride was touched when he saw what his brother Masons were doing in Ogden and he therefore surprised them with his royal gift.

New Furniture.
Hardly had Mr. Bagley retired when the Rev. Samuel Blair arose and presented on behalf of Abbott R. Hey-

wood the furniture in the lodge room. Mr. Blair spoke substantially as follows:

Rev. Blair's Address.

"I have the honor to present to this organization in behalf of our honored and esteemed brother, Judge Heywood, the furniture which adorns and adds to the beauty of this lodge room. The donor, in his modesty, would have had the event passed by untold and the gift unmentioned on this occasion, but not so with his brethren, who, greatly appreciating his generosity, demand some public recognition of the gift.

"In presenting these settees and chairs he has evidently had in mind the numerous times, when you made the great discovery which is so suggestive and important to the Craft. Now, here in this delightful resting place, under the most favorable conditions, in comfort and luxury, he would have you learn, and learn well, the great truths of Masonry—truths that are now practiced in every civilized country under the sun and that assist in moulding the highest type of manhood, while sitting in these comfortable chairs, he would have you learn lessons in building; not in building temples of stone, but in building characters that will win the admiration of men, the approval of God and reflect glory upon the Fraternity.

"In presenting the altar upon which is to rest the Word of God, he desires that it should be suggestive of holy associations, of sacred things, and that you should approach as reverently as Moses near to the burning bush. May you be impressed while standing on this sacred spot with the presence of God! And he would have the altar ever to be a silent reminder of the solemn obligations which you took upon yourself when you become a Mason.

"Let the altar be a landmark that shall speak of the great and good men who have bowed around the altars of Masonry in the past and who have perfumed the Temple by their illustrious deeds; who were always well informed and reliably intelligent; whose hearts of love beat in sympathy with their fellow men, and whose hands of charity were extended in helpfulness to the needy.

"In presenting these beautiful candlesticks, in which shall be placed the lighted tapers, Brother Heywood intended that they should be more than symbols; he would have them to be to all Masons who may enter the lodge room, lights throwing their helpful rays upon the word of God which is the foundation of truth upon which Masonry rears a temple more beautiful and enduring than the temple of Solomon, which was once the glory of all the earth.

"My brothers, the word of God which shall rest upon this altar and whose pages shall be illuminated by the light that shall fall from candles placed in these receptacles, is the foundation upon which our fraternity rests. The truth of God is the golden fleece which has been woven into the garments which every Free Mason wears. This truth forms the bone and sinew of this mighty Brotherhood. This has made Masonry the greatest human organization in the world and its sublime and immortal precepts will be helpful to men for centuries to come.

"And now, brethren, in behalf of Brother Heywood, I present to the members of the Masonic Fraternity this furniture which he hopes will help to make this lodge so attractive that every member of the Craft will be found in his place on each meeting night."

A Masonic Key.

Before Rev. Blair took his seat H. C. Baker had the floor and presented to the Masons of Ogden a large iron key hanging on a polished Utah onyx tablet. The key is of a pattern made centuries ago in the old world, and while not actually used in unlocking the doors of King Solomon's temple on Mount Moriah, it is said to be a very important link connecting ancient Masonry with the Masonry of today. A. R. Heywood of the Masonic Temple association responded.

He said he felt that the receiving of this ancient key was like a crown put in the Weber lodge by the ancient Masonic brethren. The directors had felt during their labors that evidences were not absent of a quickening arising from some influence that was additional and separate from that also heartily accorded by the members.

"The duties had been, although difficult, made clear by rays of light which ever seemed over and beyond. The architects had given cheerful and intelligent diligence supplemented by the enthusiasm of the contractor.

"Now, this temple, erected primarily for the craft, was the Masons' contribution to the architecture and beauty of Ogden. Having here the first Masonic temple erected in the Rocky mountain region, the people were bound to appreciate it and the Masons to cherish it."

Silver Tablet.

Rev. Alfred Brown then arose and presented to the lodge a silver tablet for and in behalf of John S. Lewis. The tablet was fastened to the first pillar supporting the gallery. It gives the record of the erection of the temple and the names of the various officers and committees. Rev. Brown's remarks were as follows:

Rev. Brown's Address.

M. W. G. M.: It is a great honor for me to be permitted to speak to this august assembly and on this solemn occasion. Every artist by his work declares the doctrine of God, and of eternity. For art is "Eternity revealing itself in time. The temple in Jerusalem represented Jehovah, and the work of every architect, of every poet, of every sculptor and painter testifies to the Eternal One. This magnificent temple which we assist in dedicating this day, attests the doctrine of Deity. Temples and cities decay, and again temples and cities rise upon their ruins. Men of later generations dig into the foundations of those recently built, and find deep down in the earth the history of the former temples and cities, including the rec-

ords and the names of those who contrived and wrought and fought in bygone days.

One of the methods of making indelible records was engraving on brass or bronze the names and facts to be preserved. Here on this beautiful pillar is a tablet, in great part silver, recording the names of the various committees to whom was committed the planning and supervising of the construction of this splendid edifice. Here deeply engraven these names are practically imperishable. The donor of this tablet and the engraving thereon (708 letters in all) is our brother John Singleton Lewis, one known to all in Ogden as a loyal citizen anxious to help forward the beautifying of our city, and to most Masons as Prelate of El Monte Commandery.

Our brother, J. S. Lewis, whose father was some time Master of Weber Lodge, No. 6, desires the acceptance of this historical tablet as a mark of his strong attachment to the Masonic Order. May he, and you M. W. G. M. and all the brethren present, live long to continue the upbuilding of the cause of truth in this temple and finally gather one and all in that "temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

Badcon Remembered.

The grand master was about to proceed with the regular dedicating ceremony when W. J. Shealy presented to Grand Master Sidney W. Badcon a gavel of Utah mahogany, taken from the mountains east of Ogden and turned and polished by the boys of the Utah State Industrial school. The gold and silver came from Utah mines and the mounting and engraving was done by the John S. Lewis Jewelry company. The gavel was a present from the Weber lodge to Sidney Badcon as a slight token of esteem and a reward for the services rendered by him which made the Masonic temple a reality.

Willis Beardsley's Kindness.

Worshipful Master C. D. Ives reported that he found on the altar before him a new gavel, a most beautiful gift heavily mounted with silver, on which was engraved the words: "From Willis Beardsley to Weber lodge No. 6, A. F. and A. M., Ogden, Utah." The gift spoke for itself, the handle and head were made from the horn of the Philippine caribou or water buffalo, the native beast of burden in the Philippine islands. Mr. Beardsley had been honored many times by his lodge, and while he is not a resident of Ogden at present, he nevertheless remembered that at the dedication of Ogden's new Masonic temple a new gavel would be in order. The gavel is without doubt the greatest novelty in Utah. On the end of the handle is a miniature caribou, as true to life as it could possibly be made.

The Architect Discharged.

A. F. Parker then presented to the grand master the square, level and plumb, the actual tools used in erecting the temple, stating that he now surrendered the tools given to him when he was made supervising architect to build the temple, and that he had completed his work. The grand master accepted the tools and said he had inspected the work and found it perfect and relieved the architect from further duty after thanking him for his faithful services.

The grand master then summoned the grand lodge officers before him and said:

Worshipful Master and Brethren:—

"Masonic records inform us that in the year 1874 Weber Lodge No. 6 was organized in Ogden, with Bro. Dr. Nellis as Worshipful Master. Since which time Weber Lodge has advanced slowly but surely. And many times in the early history of the order in Ogden, the advancement was under the most adverse circumstances. The progress of this lodge, however, has been so complete that today we are called upon to dedicate this beautiful hall."

"To see the lodge room is, and I believe it ought to be, one of the ideals of every mason. There is no place of which a mason should be more proud.

There is where a name may be had which the world cannot take away, but which the world could not fail to honor; a retreat where obligation means the very soul of honor; where membership signifies rectitude; where duty is voluntary; never forgotten; where God is revered and government sustained; where good citizenship is the passport to, and charity the adornment of the lodge room; where men have a standard value, based on determinate principles."

After which the temple was dedicated according to ancient masonic customs and usages which are not for publication.

Herbert R. Macmillan delivered the oration of the occasion. He dwelt entirely on Masonic subjects and was greeted with a thunder of applause as he closed the ceremonies. The reporter would like to publish his speech, but fearing Masonic discipline, he has decided to follow Mark Hanna's advice and stand pat. At the conclusion of the ceremonies Dr. H. N. Mayo, head of the thirty-second degree Masons of Utah, announced that on the 21st of next month the Masonic temple at Salt Lake City would be dedicated and he invited Ogden Masons to be present.

The present officers of the Weber lodge are: C. D. Ives, M.; A. F. Parker, S. W.; Valentine Gideon, J. W.; George F. McIntosh, treasurer; F. E. Nichols, secretary.

The committees in charge of the various rooms during the public reception yesterday were:

Armory—J. H. Epperson, assisted by J. M. Forristall, A. E. Weatherby, B. G. Blackman, T. R. Beason, Joseph Mattos, F. W. Voll, J. C. Stephens.

Small lodge room—Valentine Gideon, assisted by W. B. Wedell, James Casson, H. T. Snyder, George Allan, Edward Boyd, F. W. Easton, A. W. Brown.

Main lodge room—A. F. Parker, assisted by R. T. Hume, A. A. Wenger, A. M. White, W. E. Yancey, W. J. Shealy.

Main hall—W. G. Dalrymple, assisted by H. C. Baker, F. W. Harrington,

ton, G. J. Kelly, H. J. Gruhnau, Frank Parker, C. J. Humphries.
Bahquet hall—J. S. Lewis, assisted by J. H. Rhine, R. M. Toy, S. L. Brick, S. W. Wherry, J. W. Abbott, William Craig, F. J. Hendershot, J. E. Bagley of Ogden and George V. Schramm and George A. Eaton of Salt Lake.

Among the visiting Masons present were:

L. L. Lewis, Cheyenne; T. G. Alvord, Pocatello; G. F. McMacken, Ludlow, Ky.; E. D. Stillman, Tacoma; E. D. Wilkins, Salt Lake; W. B. Starr, Provo; H. A. Sharp, Provo; O. G. Cornelius, LaCrosse, Wis.; N. A. Heath, Hebron, Neb.; Gordon Grant, Champaign, Ill.; G. S. Becker, Winona, Wis.; E. H. Anderson, Elm Creek, Neb.; R. V. Orblson, Corlume; E. Skinner, Prairie City, Ore.; J. A. Adams, Reno; L. T. Shipley, Washington, D. C.; O. D. Johnson, Fairbanks, Ind.; J. A. Stiles, Spokane; T. G. Brown, Corlume; W. D. Estes, Salt Lake; J. A. Brown, Corlume; E. C. Atkins, Oakland; A. L. Wathington, Oakland; C. E. Fassett, San Francisco; C. W. Beegle, Alameda, Cal.

"RONG!"

The story of the observant naturalist boy who posed the arithmetical bishop has reminded an "old boy naturalist" of a parish school incident in the land of Burns. We were being put through our paces, he writes, at the annual examination, the arithmetic test being in the hands of a farmer manager who was noted for his great skill in figures. Being a bit of a dunce (by no means figuratively) he pounced on me, and I had to face the "blackboard," on which he chalked a bewildering array of figures, and asked me to "add them up" give's the grand total." I did so. The great man smiled knowingly, went up to the board, rapidly summed up the figures and wrote in a bold aggressive "hand" under my sum "the terrible word 'rong'!"—*Pall Mall Gazette.*