



Personal Recollections
of
Darlington Lodge
No. 114
Knights of Pythias
1871-1880

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Washington
Indiana



The old Kewanee Mill, one mile west of town. Erected in 1846, now
abandoned and operated by Milton & Greene. This view was taken by James A.
Peterson from across the river.

PERSONAL RECOLLECTIONS

Darlington Lodge No. 159

Knights of Pythias.

A COMPLETE HISTORY

PAST ELEVEN YEARS

A. R. PETERSON, Past Chancellor,

Representative to G. L. 1891, and for Eight Years K. of K. and S.

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Charter Member of Maywood Temple No. 102,
Hudson Street. First W. of H. and C.



ROY PETERSON.



MILDRED PETERSON.

Born August 12, 1892.

PREFACE.

THAT I should write a *REAL* book never occurred to me until recently. It is not the desire for fame, and I know that fortune will not come from this work; but it seems proper to me that a long chain of events connected with one of our leading benevolent institutions should be selected, connected and arranged to go down in history. These events will interest a great many people years hence, if not now, and a long experience both as a member and recording officer perhaps makes it possible for me to write this history better than one who has not been so intimately connected with the records. Also, that those who come after us, may take up the work that we began and so earnestly labored for and carry it on to a successful culmination.

My brother of the future, when you look back over our labors, do not censure us for the mistakes of the past, but give us credit for what little we have done. The future possesses great possibilities. It is our wish and our prayer that this grand work may go on, and on, until the sun will never set upon a Knights of Pythias Lodge, and that the benign influence of Friendship, Charity, and Benevolence may be felt throughout the civilized world. It is with peculiar feelings that I

launch this little volume out on the world, being but a "plain, blunt soldier," entirely unacquainted with "the orator's art." By some, no doubt, it will be criticized, by some commended. Be as it may, the intent is not my own personal aggrandizement, but the central thought is the honor of Darlington Lodge which has done me the honor of admitting me as a member.

April 1908.

THE AUTHOR.



DARLINGTON.

THE little city of Darlington is located in the northeastern part of Montgomery county on the Terre Haute & St. Joe branch of the Vandalia line of R. R. The little stream, Honey Creek, bounds the town on the east and north, while further to the north and west rolls the historic Rock River or Sugar Creek. While we have no wild scenery along this stream, there are several places of interest.

The ruins of the old Clouser and Mote Mills, and the dam and the Old Kenworthy Mill below town, erected in 1847, still stands a monument to the industry of the builder. For years the Professor of Geology, of Wabash college has brought his class here each year to make investigations along its rocky banks and many valuable specimens have been found. Every year campers come here and spend weeks at a time. In the front of this work will be found a rear view of the old Kenworthy Mill now operated by Dr. W. E. Wilson and A. R. Greene, with all the latest and up-to-date machinery.

The history of the town dates far back into the forties. At this time (fifty years later) but few of the old landmarks remain. The Green corner drug store is what used to be the Beck Hotel, now somewhat gone to decay, yet there

was a time when this building stood in all its pristine glory, the pride of the town. I can only speak of these matters by hearsay, as it was long before my time and many of the old people have passed away to their eternal home.

The growth of the town was slow until 1871, when the L. C. & S. W. R. R., was built through the town, which gave it a stimulus and for a while it prospered; yet in 1888, when the author came here, the town contained less than 500 people. Though a small village, its citizens were industrious and enterprising, and had, in 1883, taken steps to incorporate the town. Much credit is due A. H. Bowers and J. A. Marshall who went to Indianapolis at their own expense, and personally appeared before the Legislature and perfected the incorporation, since which time the town has been orderly and its citizens all work together for the betterment of our town.

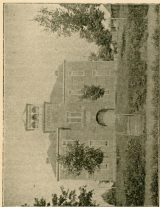
At this time, (the close of the year 1907), the town has a population of 1200. We have a fine system of direct pressure water-works, natural gas for both fuel and light, a fine telephone system, a newspaper edited by Prof. O. H. Greist, one of the strongest banks in the state and many business houses of all kinds. Our citizens take delight in improving their property and keeping the streets up in good style. In the fall of 1895, the school board erected a fine six room school building with basement and halls. The board at that time was F. W. Campbell, W. C. Kimler and

M. V. Faust. Prof. O. H. Greist was selected as principal and has conducted the schools very successfully, and has brought them to a high plane.

Corps of Teachers.

Miss Verna Williams.....	Primary
Mrs. Lulu Chambers.....	3d and 3d years
Harry M. Freeman.....	4th and 5th years
L. W. Little.....	6th and 7th years
W. B. Rodman, 8th and 1st and 2d year High School	
Prof. O. H. Greist.....	Principal and teacher of Junior and Senior classes.

The present board is M. V. Faust, R. C. Dunnington and V. E. Craig. We have now put in the fourth year of high school and the people all feel proud of it as it speaks well for the intelligence of the people, and our five churches for the morals of the town. Surrounded by the finest farming country in the state, we feel that the future of Darlington is assured. Go where you may, you will never find a more congenial, contented, happy people, a better school or a better market than is found here in Darlington. Our motto should be "United we stand, divided never." We wish we could speak especially of such separate business, but space forbids. This brief history is but the preface to what will follow—the history of Darlington Lodge, No. 159, K. of P.



SCHOOL BUILDING, EAST VIEW.

Institution of Darlington Lodge, No. 199, K. of P.

IN THE Fall of 1886, Dr. J. D. Hillis began to make an effort to organize a Knights of Pythias Lodge here. The Doctor had been for some time a member of DeBayard Lodge No. 39, of Crawfordsville. He labored very hard to secure the necessary number to organize and by the aid of R. P. A. Berryman (also a member of De Bayard) a sufficient number was secured, and the date for institution was set for Dec. 28, 1895.

The momentous day finally arrived, and as it was a bitter cold day, a whole cord of wood was carried up in the lodge room, and all day the boys were busy carrying up chairs and arranging for the wholesale slaughter. As the work was to commence at 1:30, about that hour the boys were assembled at Dr. Hillis' office to wait the dread summons to appear at the hall. About this time a sled loaded with numerous boxes and other paraphernalia arrived.

At two o'clock p. m. we received a message to present ourselves at the Masonic Hall which had been kindly offered us as a reception room, it being contiguous to the I. O. O. F. Hall, where the work was to be done.

After the usual questions had been answered

we were conducted to the ante room and certain other formalities were gone through with. We were then taken into the main room, and when they were through with us they called us Pages.



E. P. McCLASKEY, P. C.

Charter member; Past P. C.; Representative to Grand Lodge in 1897; Captain of Co. H, 100th Reg. Indiana Volunteers; Ex-Sheriff; Farmer.

The Ranks of Esquire and Knight were also given with the proper seasoning. So on throughout the whole night did these ceremonies continue, and when we were told that we could go, it was 5:40 a. m., December 29th. All tired, sleepy, hungry

and somewhat shook up, we repaired to our respective homes to get a little rest and refresh the inner man. The instituting officer was Nelson Hanna, of Thorntown Lodge, No. 124. He was assisted by Felix Clark, V. C., O. B. Beadle, P., Oscar Matthews, K. of R. S., all of Thorntown; James Bryant of Shield No. 71, Frankfort, M. at A.; R. T. Lynn, P. C., of Mace, No. 55. Visitors to the number of 200 were present from DeBayard No. 39, Ladoga 54, Mace 55, Lebanon 45, Shield 71, Thorntown 124, and many other places. Bro. T. B. Collins, of Cincinnati, O. delivered a fine charge to the Esquires.

The charter list consisted of:

J. D. Hillis,	H. D. Van Cleave,
E. P. McClaskey,	G. J. Ehrer,
T. M. Campbell,	F. W. Campbell,
A. B. Peterson,	R. T. M. Giffin,
J. H. Cox,	S. G. Kelsey,
L. M. Butler,	C. M. Waterbury,
M. V. Faust,	H. H. Faust,
W. M. Reeves,	Wesley Childre,
B. E. Hayes,	L. E. Merdental,
C. D. Kashner,	Andrew Basher,
George Hulse,	R. P. A. Berryman,
	A. W. Basher.

All received the Ranks except Bros. Hillis and Berryman who were admitted on card, from De Bayard No. 39 of Crawfordsville.

FIRST TERM.

Administration of J. D. Hillis, C. C.

Jan. 1st, 1887, to June 30th, 1887.

THE first officers of Darlington Lodge, No. 159, were:

- E. P. McClaskey—P. C.
- J. D. Hillis—C. C.
- H. D. VanCleave—V. C.
- G. J. Elmore—Prelate
- T. M. Campbell—M. of E.
- F. W. Campbell—M. of F.
- A. R. Peterson—K. of R. & S.
- B. T. M. Gibbs—M. at A.
- Andrew Boucher—J. G.
- J. H. Cox—O. G.
- E. P. McClaskey—Representative to G. L.

Bros. A. W. Boucher, J. H. Cox, and E. P. McClaskey were elected Trustees for three years, two years and one year respectively. The night of meeting was decided to be Tuesday. The new Lodge was composed of the younger element, and represented the business enterprise of the town.

There were many difficulties to contend with. We were in a rented Hall, having leased the hall of the I. O. O. F. for three years with the privi-

and as we were not able to build, it was decided to take stock in the Darlington Building and Loan Association. Ten shares of stock (\$2,000) were taken at a cost of ten dollars per month, which I may say here was carried until February, 1894. The end of the term having come, an election was held. The names of the officers will appear in next chapter. The semi-annual report, June 30, 1887, shows the following:

Membership.

Total number at last report, Dec. 30, 1886.....	23
Total number admitted this term.....	22
Total.....	45
Withdrawn by card, Wesley Childre.....	1
Present membership.....	44

Finance.

Total receipts for Dec. 28, '86 and this term.....	\$304 30
Total expenditures.....	247 05
Balance in exchequer.....	57 25

Administration of H. D. Van Cleave, C. C.

July 1, 1887, to Dec. 31, 1887.

THE following officers were elected June 24, 1887:

J. D. Hillis—P. C.
 H. D. Van Cleave—C. C.
 B. T. M. Giffin—V. C.
 W. B. H. Smith—F.
 D. E. Hayes—M. at A.
 F. W. Campbell—M. of F.
 T. M. Campbell—M. of E.
 A. R. Peterson—K. of R. S.
 F. J. Thompson—L. G.
 Wm. Simmons—O. G.

On Sunday, July 10, a monster basket meeting was held at what is now known as the Driving Park, just west of town, at which time Bro. J. W. Greene of Crawfordville, preached an eloquent sermon to the Knights and the assembled hundreds of people. In the afternoon Bro. John E. Humphreys, now in Seattle, Wash., made an address to the K. of P. fraternity.

The Lodge, escorted by the band, attended in a body. A quartette composed of Misses Daisy Dunkle and Ollie Howard, and Messrs. Otis Reese and W. M. Howard, all of Linden, delighted the audience with music. Members received dur-

ing this term were: W. F. Hulet, W. S. Booher, Will H. Johnston, W. H. Snyder, Geo. Kashner, W. J. Owsley and G. B. Welty.

This term was by far the most discouraging



H. D. VAN CLEAVE, C. C.

Charter member, 1st V. C. Grand C. C. June 1887.

term in the history of this Lodge. Its membership was small, rents and Building and Loan dues drained the Exchequer. To add to the difficulty, H. D. Van Cleave, E. P. McClaskey and F. J. Thompson were all sick for quite a while. The

plan of watches was tried and found to be a failure. At this time, Oct. 6, 1887, Sister Mamie VanCleave, wife of H. D. VanCleave, died at the home of her father, W. W. Tiffany, near Elmdale. Six of our members attended the funeral as a special guard of honor. Bro. VanCleave was also ill at Mr. Tiffany's and did not recover for many weeks. Bro. Fred Thompson became so ill at this time as to require constant watching, and Mr. Thomas Todd was hired at \$10 per week to nurse him. By common consent it became a precedent that in all cases where illness was severe and continued, a nurse has been hired up to the present. Dec. 6, 1887, Sister Nancy Marshall, wife of Bro. J. A. Marshall, died, after a long illness. She was a lady of many virtues and had borne her illness with patience and Christian fortitude. To meet all these reverses and to replenish a depleted exchequer, an assessment of \$1.25 per capita was levied against each member.

In November of this year A. B. Peterson resigned as E. of R. and S., and M. V. Faust was elected to fill out his unexpired term. The semi-annual report, Dec. 31, 1887, is as follows:

Membership

Members per last report	44
Admitted during term	7
Total	51

Receipts

For Bibles	\$ 72 00
For dues	89 00
For assessments	61 25
From other sources	9 50
	<u>\$231 75</u>
Cash on hand per last report	57 28
Total	\$289 03

Expenditures

For nurse hire	\$ 23 00
Benefits	45 25
Funeral benefits (two wives)	40 00
Other expenses	161 45
Total	<u>\$270 40</u>
Balance cash on hand	\$20 63

See next chapter for election of officers. Notwithstanding all the discouragements and vicissitudes, the members never wavered for a moment, but went to work with renewed faith in the permanence of our loved Order, and a determination to do our whole duty, realizing that the intense darkness that precedes the dawn is but the harbinger of glorious day.

Administration of R. T. M. Giffin, C. C.

From Jan. 1, 1888 to Dec. 31, 1888.

H. D. VanCleave—P. C.
 R. T. M. Giffin—C. C.
 M. Y. Faust—V. C.
 W. H. Snyder—Prelate
 T. M. Campbell—M. of E.
 F. W. Campbell—M. of F.
 A. R. Peterson—R. of R. and S.
 F. J. Thompson—M. at A.
 Representative to G. L.—J. D. Hillis
 M. T. Marshall—L. G.
 C. D. Kashner—O. G.

THIS term was for one year, such change having been made by the Grand Lodge of 1887; and we here may remark that Bro. Giffin saw more service as C. C. than any one who has ever graced that chair. Bro. VanCleave, on account of sickness, was absent so much during his term that the minutes often read—"Vice Chancellor Giffin in the chair." He was so faithful in attendance that he became known as "Old Regular." The writer is sorry to state that in later years the brother, following the example of his predecessors, failed to appear so regularly. In this same connection, special mention should be made of T. M. Campbell, M. of E., who filled that position

for full five years, and there never was a time that Bro. Campbell could not in five minutes tell the exact condition of the Exchequer. He filled this station until December, 1891. Bro. F. W.



T. M. CAMPBELL, M. OF E.

Chancellor member, first M. of E., served five years continuously, Picture (53). Born Nov. 4, 1846. Justice of Peace and Mgr. Telephone Exchange.

Campbell was also a faithful attendant; he served the first two years as M. of F.

On Feb. 17, 1888, one Alonzo Berryman received the Rank of Page, and for some unexplained reason the Page never advanced, and it

was for many years a common by-word to speak of "Page Berryman." At this time a violent dispute broke out in regard to the legality of admitting A. L. Waterbury, who lived out of this Jurisdiction. After a long wrangle, which did the Lodge no good and much harm, the matter was dropped and the members turned their attention to matters of more importance—the welfare of the Lodge. Waterbury soon after went to Kansas City and was dropped from the roll; but on May 6, 1892, he was reinstated and given a withdrawal card, and is now a member in Kansas City, Mo.

In March, 1888, the members decided to purchase an organ; each member contributed one dollar and in a short time we were in possession of the organ, which now graces our Lodge room. On April 6, 1888, Bro. M. V. Faust, Vice Chancellor, resigned to go to Kansas City to work at his trade. Bro. A. W. Booher was elected to fill the vacancy. The following members were admitted during this semi-annual term: F. M. Buskirk, Edd Booher, D. V. Booher, G. W. Miller, Alonzo Berryman. The semi-annual report for June 29, 1888, is as follows:

Membership.

Members per last report	53
Members admitted during term	6
Total	57

Finances.

Receipts for ranks	\$ 57 00
" dues	101 85
" assessments	6 00
" other sources	8 40
Balance last report	72 58
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	\$250 83
Total expense	150 72
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Balance on hand	\$100 11
Widows and Orphans fund on hand	41 49
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	\$141 60
One note and money in Building & Loan ..	277 50
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Total cash	\$419 10

Administration of R. T. M. Giffin, C. C.

From July 1, to Dec. 31, 1888.

ON SEPTEMBER 29, 1888, the Lodge donated \$5.00 to the yellow fever sufferers in Florida. It was during Bro. Giffin's term as C. C. that the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was suspended for insubordination to the Supreme Chancellor, Howard Douglass, and the S. A. P. W. was changed throughout the U. S. It occasioned no little embarrassment as members would present themselves at the outer door and give the proper password only to be informed by the O. G. that it was not right and after explanation would submit to be instructed. To one or two brothers it made but little difference, as they had to be instructed in the password each night. As the term drew to a close, it was decided to have a banquet on December 28th, our second anniversary. A committee consisting of P. W. Campbell, A. B. Peterson and S. G. Kersey was appointed to arrange it, with the following committees of ladies to arrange the tables in Hulet's Hall: Misses Ella Mc Nicoll, Flore Smith, Alice Kashner and Mesdames Maggie Snyder, Hattie Peterson and Jennie Marshall. To arrange for toasts: W. J. Owsley, G. B. Welty and M. V. Faust. Toast

Master, W. H. H. Smith.

On the night of the 28th, the Lodge met at 5 o'clock P. M. to confer the Rank of Knight on A. E. Marshall, J. M. Huse, W. T. Cook and



R. T. M. GIFFIN, C. C.

Chantry member, first M. of A., T. C. and served one year as C. C. and was Representative to Grand Lodge in June, 1888.

Grant Cook. At 7:30 p. m. the Lodge was closed and the members proceeded to Hulet's Hall where a magnificent banquet was served to the members and their families. One hundred and sixty-five covers were laid, and it was pronounced the finest

spread ever given in Darlington. Toasts were responded to by W. C. Woody, B. E. Hayes and W. M. Reeves.

Members admitted during this term were: C. O. Tribbett, W. L. Moore, A. E. Marshall, J. M. Hose, W. T. Cook, and Grant Cook.

The semi-annual report, Dec. 31, 1888, is as follows:

Membership.	
Members last report	57
Members admitted this term	7
Total	64
Dropped for falling to advance	1
Membership to date	63
Financial Receipts.	
For Banks	\$ 50 00
" Dues	109 00
" other sources	75
	174 00
For balance last report	100 11
Total	274 11
Total Expense	149 47
	124 64
Resources.	
Balance cash on hand in exchequer	\$130 39
Note	100 00
In B. and L.	245 00
W. and O. fund	50 49
Total	\$525 88

Administration of M. V. Faust, C. C.

From Jan. 1, 1889 to March 30, 1889.

R. T. M. Giffin—P. C.
 M. V. Faust—C. C.
 M. T. Marshall—V. C.
 W. H. Snyder—Prelate.
 T. M. Campbell—M. of E.
 G. W. Miller—M. of F.
 A. R. Peterson—K. of R. and S.
 W. L. Moore—M. at A.
 A. E. Marshall—I. G.
 D. V. Boster—O. G.
 G. J. Eborer, Trustee for three years.
 J. D. Hillis Representative to G. L.

MARYE CLINE, wife of J. P. Cline, died suddenly at her home south of town, Jan. 8. The death was a great blow to the family as she had only been ill a very few days. S. G. Kersey, C. O. Tribbett, A. E. Marshall, John Cox, A. R. Peterson, and W. H. Snyder acted as pall bearers and she was laid to rest at St. James Lutheran cemetery two miles east of town.

On January 18, 1889, a committee composed of A. R. Peterson, R. T. M. Giffin, and W. H. Snyder was appointed to arrange for an open meeting at the M. E. Church to celebrate the "Silver Anniversary" of the Order, February 19th.

At the time appointed the Lodge repaired to the church in a body, and was called to order by M. V. Faust, C. C. The opening ode was sung, after which Bro. E. R. Johnson invoked the blessing of the Deity. The K. of R. and S. read the proclamation of the Supreme Chancellor. After special music, Rev. E. R. Johnson delivered an address suitable to the occasion. After a fine meeting the Lodge marched to the hall and disbanded feeling that much had been accomplished, that all were benefited by thus coming together, and that the XXVI P. P. had commenced under favorable circumstances.

Administration of A. R. Peterson, C. C.

From April 1, 1889, to June 30, 1889.

ON account of business which would take him away for six months, M. V. Faust resigned as C. C., Mar. 29, 1889, and A. R. Peterson was elected to serve the unexpired term. E. P. A. Berryman was elected K. of R. and S. to serve Bro. Peterson's term as K. of R. and S. At this time Bro. W. H. Snyder was dangerously afflicted with blood poison and for many weary weeks was confined to his bed. To the skill of Dr. J. D. Hills, and good nursing by Bro. W. L. Moore and Mrs. Snyder, Brother Snyder owes his recovery. He did not fully recover from his injury until September of that year, and yet carries a badly deformed hand. In June, 1889, Rev. O. P. Paxton, C. C., of Ladoga Lodge No. 54, and Prof. C. W. McClure of Brookville Lodge visited the Lodge and made addresses which abounded in wisdom and reflected much credit on them and the Order. Darlington Lodge felt much honored by the visit of these worthy brothers.

The Grand Lodge having changed the term back to six months, an election was held June 28. (See next chapter for officers.) During the semi-annual term the following Brothers received

the Ranks: A. J. Bone, P. F. Elston, Newton A. Booher, Hiram Cox and Aniel J. Booher.



A. B. PETERSON, C. C.

Charter member; first K. of H. S.; elected C. C. to 44 January, March 25, 1886; Representative to Grand Lodge June, 1886; serving now (March, 1887) in his sixth year as K. of H. S. Born Feb. 5, 1816. Secretary of Soc. No. 212, Endowment Rank.

The semi-annual report shows:

Membership.

Members last report	63
Received during term	5
By card	1

69

Suspended	1
Total	68

Receipts

For Ranks	\$ 50 00
" Dues	125 10
" Cards	2 00
" Assessments	11 75
" Traveling Shields	30
" Other sources	8 00
Balance last report	130 30
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	329 54
Expense	286 76
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Cash on hand	43 78

Resources.

Cash in exchequer	43 78
W. and O. Fund	59 34
Note	100 00
R. and L.	315 00
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Administration of J. T. Marshall, C. C.

From July 1, 1889, to Dec. 31, 1889.

A. E. Peterson—P. C.
 M. T. Marshall—C. C.
 W. H. Snyder—V. C.
 C. O. Trilbitt—Prelate.
 G. W. Miller—M. of E.
 T. M. Campbell—M. of F.
 R. P. A. Berryman—K. of R. S.
 A. E. Marshall—M. at A.
 A. K. Peterson—L. G.
 Aniel Bocher—O. G.

IN August of this year great distress was reported among the miners of Clay County, and the question of donating to them was discussed and a donation of two dollars was sent them as requested by the Grand Officials. In November 1889, Bro. L. M. Butler, who had been in ill health for some time, went to Thomasville, Ga., for his health. R. P. A. Berryman, K. of R. and S., of this Lodge communicated with the K. of R. and S. of the K. P. Lodge at Thomasville, Ga., directing him to visit Bro. Butler, pay him his benefits, and procure nurse if necessary and draw on this Lodge. The K. of R. and S. at that place neglected the matter. Bro. Berryman notified G. K. of R. S., who notified Grand Chancellor Suit of this juris-

dition, who in turn at once notified the Grand Chancellor of Georgia. After much delay Bro. Butler was at last found and received his benefits. December 12th a large number of the mem-



M. T. MARSHALL, C. C.

Admitted March 26, 1877, served as Prelate, V. C. and was C. C. July, 1886. Representative to Grand Lodge, 1892.

bers of No. 159 went to Waveland to participate in the institution of Rathbone Lodge No. 232, named in honor of Justus H. Rathbone, who had died at Lima, Ohio, a few days before. The trip was full of incidents and it has been said that the

boys ate everything in Waveland and slept four in a bed.

An order was received to drape the altar in honor of Justus H. Rathbone, the founder of the Order of Knights of Pythias.

The term having drawn to a close the regular election was held, the result of which will appear in next chapter. The following members were admitted during the term: Albert Mullen, Lindley C. Thompson, and Walter Weesner.

The semi-annual report shows:

Memberships.

Members last report	68
Members admitted in current term	3
Total	71
Suspended	1
Number of members	70

Finances.

Dues and Banks	\$190 40
Other sources	161 32
Cash per last report	41 78
Total receipts	\$393 50
Expense	208 85
Balance	\$184 65
B. and L.	382 50
W. and O. Fund	67 36
	\$448 51

Administration of W. H. Snyder, C. C.

From January 1, 1899, to June 30, 1899.

M. T. Marshall—P. C.
 W. H. Snyder—C. C.
 R. P. A. Berryman—V. C.
 Albert Mullen—Prelate
 T. M. Campbell—M. of E.
 Aniel Booher—M. of E.
 A. B. Peterson—K. of R. and S.
 J. S. Kellen—M. at A.
 W. L. Moore—L. G.
 W. W. Weesner—O. G.
 R. T. M. Giffin—Representative to G. L.

THE TERM of Brother Snyder began under very favorable circumstances. He had served two terms as Prelate and one as Vice Chancellor and went to the Chancellor Commander's chair with the best wishes of the entire Lodge. He was a quiet, dignified gentleman and had the respect of the members. It was during this term that our ranks were for the first time invaded by death. On February 28th, Brother Lindley M. Butler passed away after a long illness. Brother Butler was an exemplar of the highest type of manhood, and was admired by all. He left a young wife who was very devoted to him. She was formerly Miss Minnie Clark, daughter of

Vincent Clark of Crawfordsville, where she still resides and is never forgotten by the members of this Lodge. No public gatherings or social events are ever given by this Lodge that our Sister does



W. H. SNYDER, G. C.

Born in New Carlisle, Clark County, Ohio, Aug. 14, 1871. Became a member of Darlington Lodge, No. 126, Sep. 20, 1897. Served one term as District one in V. C. and E. C. Representative in Grand Lodge, June, 1904. Present address, 121 West 21 St., Indianapolis, Ind.

not receive an invitation to attend. On the evening of February 28th, the C. C. appointed A. R. Peterson, R. T. M. Giffin and R. P. A. Berryman to draft suitable resolutions of condolence; and a

committee of four to attend the burial which took place at Oak Hill cemetery, near Crawfordsville. On the 7th of March the Committee on Resolutions submitted the following report which was accepted:

MEMORIAL.

Requiescat in Pace.

WHEREAS, For the first time death has entered our portals, and hovering over our beloved brother, L. M. Butler, hath taken from him the life of earth and given to him the spirit of immortality; recognizing in this as in all things the workings and rulings of Him in whose faith he died, and

WHEREAS, Wishing to express our deep feeling of regret and sorrow over his death, and recognizing in it the loss of a brother true to the principles and teachings of our Order, be it therefore

Resolved, That this Lodge extend to Sister Butler our sincere and heartfelt sympathies in this her bereavement, reminding her that while the gloom of death wraps about her in numberless folds, it also hangs about us to be dispelled only by our common sympathy, and mutual belief and trust in Him by whose mercy we are left behind to mourn the departure of him who has gone before us;

Resolved, That as a token of our regret of

the break in our circle of Brothers, and as an evidence of our esteem for our departed Brother, that our Altar and Charter be draped in mourning for thirty days in memory of him;

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Sister Butler and to the Crawfordsville and Darlington papers, and spread on the records of our Lodge.

Submitted in F. C. and B.

Com. } A. R. PETERSON
 } R. T. M. GIFFIN
 } R. P. A. BERRYMAN

Approved by Lodge March 7, 1890.

W. H. Snyder, C. C. A. R. Peterson, K. of R. S.

At this meeting the funeral benefit, \$35.00, was drawn and ordered sent to the family. Brother Butler was much missed and his untimely death much to be deplored. The world would be better were there more such young men.

May 26th, 1890, Mary Hulet, wife of Brother W. F. Hulet, died at her home in Crawfordsville, and was laid to rest in the L. O. O. F. cemetery at Darlington. She was the daughter of Robert and Lydia Craig of this place, and a sister to V. E. Craig, afterwards a prominent member of Darlington Lodge. For years she had been an invalid and death was a merciful release from suffering to her.

On Sunday, June 29th, a basket meeting was given at the Park, under the auspices of the Lodge, and for the benefit of the same. The

profit was on the wrong side of the sheet and after all was summed up we found a deficit of near \$10.00.

The following members received the Hanks during this term: Frank Beymer, W. E. Wheeler, C. H. Hamilton, J. C. Francis and W. B. Mount. The semi-annual report, June 30th, 1890, shows the following:

Membership.	
Members per last report	70
Members admitted during term	5
Total	75
Suspended for N. P. D.	2
Deceased	1
Total membership	72
Finances.	
Total receipts, all sources	\$250 02
Total expense	239 39
	\$ 10 63
Building and Loan stock	440 00
W. and O. Fund	81 32
	\$611 95

The regular election came on at this time, the result of which will appear in next chapter. Snyder retired with the respect and good will of the members. The only time he ever gave evidence of "temper" was when some fellow voted for a "woman" for Vice Chancellor. Brother Snyder felt that this Lodge was for "men only," and naturally resented a prospective female ruler.

Administration of G. J. Rhorer, C. C.

From July 4, 1890 to Dec. 31, 1890.

W. H. Snyder—P. C.
G. J. Rhorer—C. C.
W. L. Moore—V. C.
Albert Mullen—Prelate
W. B. Mount—M. of F.
T. M. Campbell—M. of E.
A. B. Peterson—K. of R. S.
N. A. Booher—M. at A.
W. S. Booher—L. G.
J. C. Francis—O. G.

OCTOBER 17th, Brother G. B. Welty and S. H. Shaver were granted withdrawal cards to become charter members of Shannondale Lodge, No. 279, which organized Oct. 30th, 1890.

November 29th, Brother Will H. Johnston was reported ill. The K. of R. and S., by direction of the C. C., wrote to J. N. Taylor, C. C. of De Bayard Lodge No. 39, at Crawfordville, that the brother was sick in their Jurisdiction, and to visit him at once, pay him \$3.50 per week; and that our Lodge allowed \$10.00 per week for nurse, and no more and if they could not procure a nurse for that to notify us and we would send a nurse from here. By some means this notice was overlooked, a nurse was sent at \$2.00 per night, and stayed

thirty-three nights at a cost of sixty-six dollars. This Lodge declined to pay that amount. Some caustic correspondence ensued between the K. of R. S. of that Lodge and this, but this Lodge paid



G. J. RHORER, C. C.

Was a charter member and first Prelate. Elected C. C. June 24, 1890. Was elected Representative to Grand Lodge, but an unusual ill serious illness could not go. Was Treasurer and did much to secure our new and spacious home. Present address, 324 Seaside St., Longport, Ind.

at the rate of \$10.00 per week, and settled at \$47.50. This matter was much to be deplored for the reason that one of our own members favored the other side, while the facts were, De Bayard

Lodge neglected Brother Johnston and never paid him one penny, or gave him any personal attention.

At the close of the term the semi-annual report showed the following. Members admitted this term: J. H. Stewart, Sam Shaver, C. B. Peterson, W. C. Rice, R. E. Booher, Samuel Hampton, M. Booher, S. P. Milner, Ed Hamilton, A. M. Stewart, Jerome White.

Semi-annual report, Dec. 31, 1890:

Membership.	
Members last report	72
Members admitted in current term	11
	83
Members withdrawn	5
	78

Finances.	
Receipts from all sources	\$357 58
Total expenses	212 12
	\$145 46
H. and L. Stock	505 00
W. and O. Fund	81 32
Total	\$731 78

Administration of W. L. Moore, C. C.

From Jan. 1, 1891 to June 30, 1891.

G. J. Rhorer—P. C.
 W. L. Moore—C. C.
 Albert Mulken—V. C.
 C. O. Tribbett—Pastor
 T. M. Campbell—M. of E.
 W. H. Snyder—M. of E.
 A. R. Peterson—K. of R. S.
 N. A. Booher—M. of A.
 S. P. Milner—J. G.
 Marcellus Booher—O. G.
 A. R. Peterson—Representative to G. L.

DURING this term there was very little outside of the natural run of affairs. Perhaps there was more than the usual amount of sickness and the culmination of the Johnston case. The following members received the Ranks: N. B. Couberly, R. C. Dunnington admitted by card, and two Ranks conferred on J. W. Flanningam of Thorntown Lodge by special request of that Lodge. H. N. Van Cleave reinstated. Semi-annual report shows:

Membership.	
Members last report	78
Members admitted in term	3
Total	81

Members withdrawn	3
Total membership	78



W. L. MOORE, C. C.

Admitted Nov. 25, 1889, served as E. O. M. at A. V. C., and was elected C. C., Dec. 25, 1891, Representative to G. L., June, 1894. As the star indicates he is an officer. Has been eight months for Burlington since June 1, 1893, and has been off duty only four nights.

FINANCES.

Receipts from all sources	\$314 26
Total expenses	258 54
	55 72
Building and Loan stock, cash paid	570 00
W. and O. fund	101 53
	<hr/> \$322 25

While this term was not characterized by any stirring events, it was not devoid of interest. A friendly fraternal feeling was manifest; and we can only say that Brother Moore discharged the duties of his office with credit to himself and honor to the Lodge. The result of the election will be found in next chapter.

