Eureka Lodge



No. 404





Kureka Ludge No. 404 Free and Accepted Masons

Northumberland, Pennsylvania

1868 100th Anniversary 1968

Constituted February 3, A. D. 1868, A. L. 5868

Stated Meetings Third Monday of Every Month

PROGRAM

100TH ANNIVERSARY OBSERVANCE FEBRUARY 1968 EUREKA LODGE NO. 404, F. & A. M. NORTHUMBERLAND, PENNSYLVANIA

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1968 4:30 P.M.

Grand Lodge Visitation — Masonic Hall
Opening of Lodge - - - - - - Joseph F. Ritter, W. M.
Flag Ceremony
Reception of Right Worshipful Grand Master John K. Young
Reading of Minutes of the First and Fiftieth Stated
Meetings of Eureka Lodge No. 404
Greetings - - - - - - - Brother John K. Young
Closing of the Lodge - - - - Joseph F. Ritter, W. M.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1968
Banquet 6:30 P.M.
Fellowship Hall, St. John's Lutheran Church
Northumberland, Penna.
Invocation - - Brother Alvah W. Deans, Ir., P.M., Chaplain

Invocation - - - Brother Alvah W. Deans, Jr., P.M., Chaplain Singing - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - "America" Dinner

Greetings - - - - - - Joseph F. Ritter, Worshipful Master Honoring 25 year members - - - - - Brother Ritter History of the Lodge - - - - Brother Charles G. Bell, P. M. Introduction of Speaker

Address - - - - - - - Brother John K. Young Right Worshipful Grand Master Benediction - - - - - The Reverend Brother Joseph F. Ritter

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1968

Open House at the Lodge Rooms 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Organ Recital and Singing at 2:30 P.M. and 4:00 P.M.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1968 7:30 P.M.

Anniversary Church Service for Masons and Families
Trinity Evangelical United Brethren Church
Sixth and King Sts., Northumberland
Sermon by The Reverend Brother, Joseph F. Ritter



JOHN K. YOUNG
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF PENNSYLVANIA

TO THE MEMBERS OF EUREKA LODGE NO. 404, NORTHUMBERLAND

My sincere congratulations to you upon the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of your Lodge. As you observe this important anniversary, may your interest in the history and growth of your Lodge deepen. May you be inspired to rededicate yourselves to the practice of Freemasonry in your personal lives and in service to the Lodge.

John K. Young, Grand Master



ISAAC J. TRESSLER
DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER OF THE FORTY-SIXTH
MASONIC DISTRICT



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HISTORY OF EUREKA LODGE NO. 404

Brother WILLIAM BASTRESS

Freemasonry in Northumberland antedates the Borough incorporation by nearly fifty years. The first recorded meeting of Freemasons in Northumberland took place on St. John's the Evangelist's Day, December 27, 1779, when the first Stated Meeting of Lodge No. 22 was held in the home of one of the Brethren. Assembled for this historical meeting were a few old Revolutionary War heroes, former members of Traveling or Military Lodges. Following its Constitution, Lodge No. 22 met on the evening of full moon unless this day fell on Sunday, then the Lodge met on the Monday following.

The meeting place of Lodge No. 22 alternated between Northumberland and Sunbury for nearly thirty years. It was not until the September 23, 1809, meeting that the Lodge moved to Sunbury. The first property this Lodge acquired was willed by Brother Josiah Haines, the son of Reubin Haines who owned most of the land that now comprises the Borough of Northumberland. The lot was to be used for Masonic purposes, but for many years it was the subject of controversy in the Lodge. Lodge No. 22 eventually relinquished all claims to the lot in favor of Lodge No. 148.

Several of the Northumberland Masons took an active part in the whiskey insurrection or rebellion in 1794. At that time some of the whiskey boys decided to erect a Liberty Pole at what is now Second and King Streets, then Second and Market. After driving the pole full of nails, it was guarded day and night. Previously the perpetrators raided the arsenal for a supply of arms and ammunition. Finally, before a clash took place between the local citizenry and the rebels, a company of soldiers arrived from Lancaster and dispersed the rioters at the point of the bayonet. Six of the men were taken to Philadelphia, tried, convicted and sentenced, but pardoned by George Washington after twenty days. After the rioters were dispersed, the Liberty Pole was cut down with an axe furnished by one of the local ladies.

The first recorded move to separate the Brethren of Northumberland from those of Sunbury and form another Lodge was made at a meeting on November 4, 1797. At this time a motion was made that the Brethren of the town of Northumberland petition the Grand Lodge for a warrant authorizing them to become a separate Lodge. Further action was taken on March 2, 1798 when a committee was appointed to investigate the possibilities further. The committee made a report at the stated meeting held March 31, 1798 which was read and filed. It was not until many years later that a separate Lodge was constituted in Northumberland. Further agitation is recorded in the August, September and November meetings in 1816, when a communication was read indicating the Brethren from Northumberland had petitioned for a new Lodge. The Northumberland Brethren were allowed to withdraw from Lodge No. 22 if their dues were paid up.

As a result of this action, Perseverence Lodge No. 148 was constituted at Northumberland on April 23, 1817. The first officers and

probable membership were: Brothers William Taggart, Worshipful Master; William McCoy, Senior Warden; James Lee, Junior Warden; Thomas Gaskins, Senior Deacon; John Cake, Junior Deacon; John Hepburn, Treasurer; John Wheatley, Secretary. According to Grand Lodge receipts, the cost of constituting the Lodge was \$91.00. By 1822 the Lodge had 23 dues paying members. The meetings at this time were held the first Tuesday after full moon. On January 5, 1818, a committee from Lodge No. 22 and Lodge No. 148 met and resolved the dissension over the lot willed by Brother Josiah Haines. At this time Lodge No. 22 relinquished and abandoned all claims to the property.

After the "Morgan Incident" in 1826, anti-Masonic feeling spread throughout this section. The local focal point being in the New Berlin sector, seat of the first church of the Albright People. Due to this anti-Masonic activity the condition of Lodge No. 148 deteriorated to the extent that a reorganization was necessary. By dispensation the Lodge was reorganized and reinstated under its original charter and Brothers William McCoy was installed as Worshipful Master; John Cake, Senior Warden; William Wilson, Junior Warden; E. P. Shannon, Secretary and Thomas Gaskins as Tyler.

Several interested proposals were recorded in the minutes of the year when the By-Laws, Article 18 insisted that the Brethren bring their differences to the Lodge Room rather than going to law for adjudication. The following year a resolution was passed suspending any member who came to the Lodge intoxicated. The same year saw the first unfavorable report brought in on a prospective member.

The Lodge met in a Special Meeting in 1846 for the first time to arrange for a funeral for Brother William McCoy. Soon thereafter, two more of the Brethren died and this marked the beginning of a downward trend that culminated in an auction of the goods and chattels of Lodge No. 148 on St. John's Day, 1854. Brother M. B. Priestley, Secretary Pro Tem was requested to take charge of the minute book, jewels, charter and funds of the Lodge; to pay the Grand Lodge dues and wind up the affairs of the Lodge. The Lodge then adjourned, Sine Die, or in other words, as dead as the devil.

Freemasonry never died in Northumberland, it just rested for a season. Thirteen years later, some Brethren residing in Northumberland, under the date, September 13, 1867, petitioned the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for a warrant to constitute a Lodge to be called "Eureka Lodge." Nine Brethren signed the petition: Brothers Edward Lewis, Henry T. Eckert, Amos A. Barrett, James Scott, Jesse Watkins, David Starick, Joseph E. Toole, Henry C. Beamer and William H. Dill. The dispensation to constitute the Lodge was issued by the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Richard Vaux, on January 13, 1868 and forwarded to District Deputy Grand Master, Brother Robert L. Muench. Because of illness, Brother Muench asked District Deputy Grand Master Brother Christian Knepp to serve in his place. The following were installed as officers of Eureka Lodge No. 404 when it was constituted on Monday, February 3, 1868; Brothers Edward Lewis, Worshipful Master; Joseph E. Toole, Senior Warden, Augustus A. Barrett, Junior Warden; Jesse Watkins, Secretary and James Scott,

Treasurer. The appointment of other officers was deferred until the next meeting. Eleven ladies, wives of Master Masons, presented a copy of the Holy Bible to the Lodge.

At a Stated Meeting held November 23, 1868, the first year's work was finished and the first election for officers was held. The year ended with 28 members added by initiation, one by admission with one lost by resignation. The Lodge reported 35 members in good standing.

On January 17, 1870, the Lodge presented five dollars to the Old School Presbyterian Church of Northumberland and also a vote of thanks for the Ivory Gavel received from the Church.

Ten members of the Lodge attended the dedication of the Masonic Temple at Philadelphia on August 26, 1873.

The year 1877 was highlighted by a visitation by the Right Worshipful Grand Master, Brother Robert Clark and his Grand Officers on Monday, September 17. The Grand Officers exemplified the work. A bounteous repast was furnished the Brethren at the Van Kirk House. The meeting concluded a little after midnight.

The Lodge continued without any specular gains during the ensuing years. Starting in 1882 the Lodge met in Johnson's Hall at the corner of Front and Queen Streets. At a Special Meeting on January 12, 1885, the Lodge unanimously agreed to move the stated place of meeting to the E. K. Bright Building on the Northeast corner of Queen and Water Streets. Eureka Lodge continued to meet at this place until January 23, 1899 when its first meeting was held in Morgan's Hall at the corner of Queen Street and Depot Avenue. The Lodge had electric lights and a fan installed in the rooms in June 1895.

The new century was heralded in with one of the Brethren charging another with unMasonic conduct. A committee investigated the charge and recommended that he be expelled. A resolution was passed to accept the report and the Brother was expelled.

At a Stated Meeting held February 9, 1903, the time of the Stated Meeting was changed from the Monday on or before full moon, to the third Monday of each month.

Eureka Lodge No. 404 became part of a new district, No. 46, formed by the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge with Brother Frederick A. Godcharles as its first District Deputy Grand Master in January 1907.

The Lodge continued to prosper through the years with few problems and some improvements. By April 1909 the lesser lights were electrified and the candles retired as souvenirs. Late the next year, a fire escape was installed by the owner of the building and the rent was increased one dollar per month to help defray the expenses.

The last charter member of Eureka Lodge, Brother Amos A. Barrett, died on March 23, 1916, and the Brethren conducted the Masonic Burial Service with Brother Robert L. Davis, Worshipful Master, presiding.

A communication from Grand Lodge, recommending the purchasing of Liberty Bonds as a patriotic gesture and as a good investment, was recorded at the meeting on May 21, 1917.

A meeting and banquet was held on June 16, 1919 honoring the returned soldiers with eighty-one Brethren present.

By the end of 1919 the records indicated 123 members in good Masonic standing.

On May 21, 1921, an edict from the Grand Lodge forbade affiliation of any Freemason, subject to its jurisdiction, with the Eastern Star, and anyone who belongs to the Eastern Star must disaffiliate himself or be expelled from the Lodge for gross misconduct. This applied equally to the White Shrine of Jerusalem or any organization composed of both sexes that had a prerequisite membership in a Masonic Lodge. This became effective six months after issuing the edict.

By March 1924 the initiation fee was raised to \$100.00. By December 27 the membership had increased to 145. On December 27, 1927, the year before the depression, the membership stood at 159.

A communication declaring Packer's Island, between Northumberland and Sunbury, a neutral territory between Lodges No. 22, 632 and 713 of Sunbury and No. 404 of Northumberland was received from Grand Secretary on February 17, 1930.

By August 1934 an edict from the Grand Master no longer allowed Masons and the Eastern Star to meet in the same building.

At the end of 1934, the Lodge records show a slight decline in membership, the membership having dropped to 152.

A Special Meeting on October 14, 1937 commemorated the 150th Anniversary of the signing of the Constitution of the United States and to honor those members of the Constitutional Convention who were members of the Fraternity. Present were 52 members and 42 visitors. The address of the evening was delivered by Brother Frederick A. Godcharles, who spoke interestingly and instructively on "The Part Freemasonry in Pennsylvania played in the Framing and Signing of the Constitution of the United States." Prior to the Lodge meeting, a dinner was enjoyed by 100 members of Eureka Lodge and other Lodges residing in Northumberland.

The next year, on February 21, 1938, Eureka Lodge No. 404 celebrated the 70th year of its constitution on February 3, 1868. A banquet at St. John's Lutheran Church was enjoyed by 142 members and visitors at 6:00 P.M. prior to the Stated Meeting of the Lodge. Honored were the Brethren with membership of 25 years or more. Each of these Brethren was presented with a red carnation. The Master Mason's Lodge was opened by Brother Charles G. Bell, Worshipful Master with fifty members and fifty-six guests present. After the business session, the Reverend Doctor Brother J. Edgar Skillington of Lodge No. 197 delivered an instructive and entertaining address on "The Unperishable Fame of George Washington." Appropriately enough, this address was presented the evening before Washington's Birthday.

The following February the Anniversary was observed with an appropriate address by Brother Carl L. Millward of Lodge No. 144, with Brother Alvah W. Deans Jr., as Worshipful Master. Forty members and 34 guests were present.

On October 21, 1940, Brethren Charles Steele and Martin Withington were presented with 50 year emblems. The emblems were presented by District Deputy Grand Master, Brother George F. Druchemiller. An interesting address was presented by Brother Stanley S. Smith of Lodge No. 707, Williamsport on Masonic History.

The first meeting of the Lodge after our entry into World War II indicated the Lodge's concern when a committee called "Masonic Military and Naval Service Committee" was named by Worshipful Master Brother William E. Fleming Jr. This committee was charged with the responsibility of collecting the names of members of the Lodge and their sons who were in the Armed Services and to collect money for any needed welfare among them.

The years 1940 and 1941 were low membership years with only 135 members recorded each year.

The Seventy-Fifth anniversary was observed with a banquet and Table Lodge on the evening of February 11, 1943. Worshipful Master Arthur H. Hallden in charge. The 25 year members were honored by having their names called and being presented with red carnations. There were 98 members and visiting Brethren present.

The minutes of the July 1943 meeting indicated that no clear title to the lot willed by Brother Josiah Haines was available.

The Lodge was honored in September 1943 with a visit by one of Northumberland's most famous native sons, Brother Uzal G. Ent, Brigadier General, United States Air Force, a member of Lodge No. 576, Illinois. Brother Ent gave an interesting talk on Air Force activities in Africa and Sicily.

By 1946 the members of Eureka Lodge had climbed to an all time high of 179 members.

The Lodge moved to its present meeting place on December 17, 1948 when an extra meeting was called by the Worshipful Master, Brother William B. Simington. Fifty-two members and 43 visitors were present to view the newly furnished Lodge Room. Brother Charles Steele, Past Master, and a 60 year member, gave a brief talk on the growth of our Lodge over the past 60 years. Brother William McCorkill presented a brief history of the Lodge from the time of its constitution.

After 140 years, the Lodge finally disposed of the controversal lot willed by Brother Josiah Haines. It was sold to the Northumberland Fire Company No. 1 in March 1949 for the sum of \$3,500. It is now used by the fire company as a carnival ground.

By December 1950 the membership of the Lodge stood at 205.

At the April 20, 1953 meeting, the Lodge took a step forward and decided to purchase the building in which it was currently meeting. The purchase was to be consumated before June 1953 for \$26,000.

During 1960, Brothers James Dodge and John S. Morgan were presented with 50 year Masonic service emblems.

On September 18, 1961 the Lodge witnessed the presentation of 50 year emblems to Brothers Charles and John C. Hilbish.

Lodge records indicate 50 year Masonic emblems were presented in 1961 to Brothers Robert H. Appleby; in 1962 to Charles R. Seeley; in 1963 to Charles W. Russel, George T. McCorkill, Roy A DeLong and Lewis E. Summers; in 1964 to William J. Brennen and George M. Eckert.

As this historical sketch is prepared the membership of the Lodge is 218. There are 34 living Past Masters.

At the November 1966 meeting of the Lodge, Brother Reed F. Lehman, Worshipful Master, directed the Senior Warden, Brother Joseph F. Ritter, to head the committee for the observance of our 100th Anniversary in 1968.

Three members of Lodge No. 404 were singularly honored for their outstanding work in Freemasonry:

For York Rite Service, Brother H. Gordon Leisenring was awarded the Red Cross of Constantine in 1942, and the York Cross of Honor in 1943. Later, from 1950 to 1954 he was honored by being appointed District Deputy Grand High Priest of the Ninth District of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania.

For Scottish Rite Service, Brother Elmer R. Young was awarded the Thirty-Third Degree in Freemasonry in 1948.

In 1965, Russel W. Eisenhower was similarly honored for his service to Scottish Rite Masonry when he was awarded the Thirty-Third Degree in Freemasonry.

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