

Fifty Years of Eastern Star Lodge Life Reviewed

ROSEBURG CHAPTER FOUNDED IN 1886

Many Details of Interest Presented in History of Fraternity's Growth.

Editor's Note—The following interesting history of the Roseburg chapter, No. 8, Order of Eastern Star, was compiled by a special committee, as a part of the celebration here Tuesday of the 50th anniversary of the local chapter. The history was compiled after many weeks of research by Frances J. Howell, Florence Shambrook Virden and Margaret A. Page.

The entrance of Roseburg chapter, No. 8, Order of Eastern Star, upon the stage of action, to join the great number of chapters comprising the general grand chapter, was surrounded with romance and accomplished in a dramatic manner in a plenary session at once unique and distinctive.

May we turn back the pages of history for a moment and give you a brief view of Roseburg as it appeared fifty years ago? In our city in 1886 there were, taken all together, seven general mercantile houses, two hardware stores, each having a tin shop attached, two flouring mills, three hotels, one bank, three blacksmith shops, two butcher shops, two livery stables, two cabinet shops, three grocery stores, two restaurants, twelve saloons, two barber shops, two bakeries, six physicians, two dentists, one marble cutter and several wash houses, comprising Roseburg's business district, not including the land office, postoffice and weather bureau operated by the government—a good record for a city of approximately one thousand population. All walks were of wood; we had no paving and no electric lights or city water.

Laurel lodge, No. 13, A. F. and A. M., received its charter June 15, 1887, but it had been functioning at Winchester, which was a town earlier than Roseburg, for some time previous to that date. At times, meetings were held under the spreading oaks on a knoll near the town. However, an election held in April, 1884, to decide the location of the county seat was in favor of our city and the lodge was moved to Roseburg.

A number of years later, not during the gay nineties, but during the eighties, to be exact in 1885, a number of people living in Roseburg and vicinity, decided to organize an Eastern Star chapter. After much correspondence, a meeting was called for Thursday, November 19, 1885, and was held in the Masonic temple, then located opposite the courthouse, where the Christian church now stands.

64 in Charter List
Brother Geo. A. Beath, of Laurel lodge No. 13, A. F. and A. M., acted as chairman and called the meeting to order. The petition for

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a charter contained the following sixty-four names:
John Lane, Mrs. Julia Abraham, Mrs. E. A. Jones, Miss M. G. Cawfield, Mrs. C. E. Palmer, Mrs. Catherine Gannon, Miss Marietta Howell, Mrs. Mary A. Howell, Mrs. Margaret M. Johnson, Miss Annie Gannon, Mrs. Cynthia Boon, Oley Boon, J. E. Ragon, Louis Belfis, Free Johnson, Andrew J. Jones, Mrs. Carrie Abraham, M. R. Howell, H. Eastbrook, L. S. Rogers, J. J. Cawfield, A. C. Jones, Mrs. Margaret Bell, M. F. Rapp, Sol Abraham, Mrs. Belle Horner, Mrs. Clara Fullerton, Mrs. Katie Bunnell, Mrs. Orilla Humphrey, Mrs. Amy B. LaRaut, W. White, J. L. Williams, Mrs. Hattie A. Lane, Mrs. Maggie Rapp, Mrs. J. P. Beath, Mrs. M. J. Moore, Mrs. M. E. Blackman, Miss Frances J. Howell, Miss Ella Ragon, Mrs. Maria L. Jones, Mrs. Maga Cawfield, Miss Josephine Boon, Mrs. Amanda M. Hodson, J. P. Hodson, Simon Caro, W. J. Mullen, W. V. Johnson, R. Abraham, John Gilderleeve, Thos. L. Gannon, John Lennere, G. V. Johnson, Isadore Caro, J. R. N. Bell, Geo. A. Beath, Miss Mary L. Jones, J. B. Horner, J. C. Fullerton, N. P. Bunnell, W. S. Humphrey, N. LaRaut, L. L. Hurd, Mrs. Rhoda White, Mrs. R. A. Williams.

A temporary organization was formed at this time. Among other things, it was decided to hold the charter open until November 24. Upon motion of Bro. J. R. Bell, duly carried, the initiation fee was fixed at \$1.50. A vote of thanks was tendered Laurel lodge No. 13, A. F. and A. M., for their generosity and courtesy in tendering the use of their hall, and the secretary authorized to present the same to them in writing. Mrs. C. E. Palmer moved and it was carried that this chapter be known and designated as Roseburg chapter, Order of Eastern Star. Mrs. E. A. Jones and the Misses Howell (our present Mrs. Marietta Howell-Kohlhagen and Miss Frances J. Howell) were named as a committee to assist the officers in procuring the charter and paraphernalia necessary to establish this chapter and place it in working order. The meeting was then adjourned.

Organization Perfected
The meeting at which the final organization was perfected and the charter presented, was held on January 26, 1886. This was presided over by Bro. T. G. Reames, deputy grand worthy patron, by commission from the general grand chapter. He was assisted by the following members of Adarell chapter, No. 8, Order of Eastern Star, of Jacksonville, Oregon: Bros. Theodorick Cameron, Sergt. Dunlap and Geo. Love, Sisters Rachel Fisher, Mrs. J. N. Miller, Mrs. R. J. Cameron, Miss Cora Linn, Miss Maggie Linn, Mrs. Geo. Love and Miss Jessie McCully. Of this number, Mrs. R. J. Cameron is now residing in Medford, the Misses Linn in Los Angeles and Miss McCully in Jacksonville.

Ways of travel were not so numerous or as convenient then as now, especially at this time of the year. This delegation started, on the train, but a slide made it impossible for the train to pass through one of the tunnels, so part of the trip was made on a hand car.

The following were chosen as officers, and were duly installed by Bro. Reames:
Worthy patron, Bro. J. R. N. Bell; worthy matron, Sister Julia Abraham; associate matron, Sister J. F. Beath; secretary, Bro. M. F. Rapp; treasurer, Sister Maggie W. Rapp; conductress, Sister Frances J. Howell; associate conductress, Sister Hattie A. Lane; Adah, Sister Josephine Boon; Ruth, Sister M. G. Cawfield; Esther, Sister A. E. Jones; Martha, Sister Marietta Howell; Electa, Sister Maria L. Jones; Warden, Sister Annie Gannon; sentinel, Sister John Lennere; chaplain, Sister J. N. Barker.

After the worthy Matron, Sister Julia Abraham, had taken her seat in the East, Roseburg chapter, No. 8, Order of Eastern Star, was declared instituted and in regular work-

ing order. A unanimous vote of thanks was tendered the delegation from Adarell chapter No. 8, for their very able assistance in the ceremonies of institution and initiation. From this beginning of sixty-four members, Roseburg chapter, after passing through fifty years of ups and downs, now has a membership of 203.

At this meeting Bros. T. L. Gannon, J. C. Fullerton and Geo. A. Beath were named as a committee to draft bylaws and constitution. Thursday evening, February 4, 1886, was set as the next meeting night. Thursday has continued to be the meeting night during the entire fifty years.

Notable Records
Bro. Free Johnson, who served Roseburg chapter No. 8 so long as secretary, acted in that capacity for the first time, for the meeting held on April 15, 1886, the regular secretary, M. F. Rapp, being absent at this time. Bro. Johnson served as secretary of Roseburg chapter 31 years; continuously for 28 years.

The purchase of the first chapter jewels was authorized at the meeting held on March 18, 1886. Roseburg chapter has furnished to the grand chapter of Oregon more worthy grand matrons and worthy grand patrons than any other chapter in the state. Also one most worthy grand matron to the general grand chapter. Sister Julia Abraham was the second worthy grand matron, being elected in 1890; Sister Madeline B. Conkling was elected in 1897 and re-elected in 1898, thus enjoying the distinction of being the only Oregon worthy grand matron to serve two years. Sister Mary E. Honck was elected in 1915. The second worthy grand patron, of Oregon, was also a member of this chapter, Bro. A. C. Jones, elected in 1890; Bro. M. F. Rapp was elected in 1891 and Bro. O. P. Coshov in 1904.

Sister Madeline B. Conkling was elected most worthy grand matron of the general grand chapter of the state in 1904; Sister Conkling is still a member of Roseburg chapter No. 8.

It will be noticed that our two remaining charter members, residing in Roseburg, Sisters Frances J. Howell and Marietta Howell-Kohlhagen, have been very active in the chapter. Sister Frances J. Howell was elected grand conductress in 1890, and associate grand conductress in 1894. She was also the second worthy matron of Roseburg chapter No. 8, serving in 1888. Sister Marietta Howell-Kohlhagen served as grand marshal at the organization of the grand chapter in 1889, and served as worthy matron of Roseburg chapter No. 8 in 1891. In the early years Roseburg chapter had jurisdiction over a large territory and received members from Elkton, Oakland, Wilbur, Myrtle Creek, Riddle and Canyonville.

State Growth Cited
The grand chapter of the state of Oregon was organized in Roseburg in October, 1889. The call was sent out by Bro. Free Johnson, then secretary of this chapter. By June 4, 1888, eleven chapters in Oregon had been organized under the general grand chapter and were under the jurisdiction of the grand chapter of the state of California. The worthy grand matron of that grand jurisdiction made official visits to several of them, but at the time of the organization of the Oregon grand chapter, two of them had become inactive.

In response to this invitation from Roseburg chapter No. 8, six of the nine chapters sent representatives to the meeting at Roseburg. Two previous attempts had proved unsuccessful and for a time it appeared that this third effort would also end in failure, when, through the energy and resourcefulness of Bro. Robt. A. Miller, proxies were received from the chapter not represented at the beginning, through the judicious use of the telegraph, and the organization was perfected October 3, 1889. From this beginning of nine chapters, our grand chapter of Oregon has grown to an organization of 161 chapters, of which 147 are active.

The grand chapter was organized in the building located on the corner of Jackson and Washington streets, known as the Caro building. Mrs. Mary E. Anderson-McCall, a charter member of Alpha No. 1, of Ashland, was chosen as the first worthy grand matron and Robt. A. Miller, then a member of Adarell No. 3, of Jacksonville, the first worthy grand patron.

In 1886 Roseburg chapter No. 8 moved from the old hall opposite the courthouse, to the Caro building, Jackson and Washington streets; in 1894 moved back to the old hall; in 1895 returned to the Caro building; in 1897 moved to the Salaman building, on Jackson street, near Cass, and in 1910 came to the present location, the Masonic temple, corner of Jackson and Cass streets.

Benefits Recounted
Your committee, in reading over the half century of minutes found many evidences of the loyalty of the members of Roseburg chapter No. 8, to the ideals and principles of our beautiful order; the relief of members in distress was regarded as a privilege as well as a duty; the sorrowing were comforted, the dead laid to rest with fraternal tenderness and efforts for public good were endorsed and aided. Harmony prevailed, a steady growth in membership continued throughout the years, and the blessings of peace and prosperity rested upon the chapter.

"We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not in figures on a dial. We should count time by heart throbs. He most lives Who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best."

During the fifty years of existence of Roseburg chapter No. 8, the following have served as wor-

thy matrons and worthy patrons:
1886—Julia Abraham, worthy matron; Rev. J. R. N. Bell, worthy patron.
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1888—Frances J. Howell, worthy matron; Dr. N. P. Bunnell, worthy patron.
1889—Clara Fullerton, worthy matron; Andrew Jones, worthy patron.
1890—Rhoda White, worthy matron; M. F. Rapp, worthy patron.
1891—Marietta Howell, worthy matron; Isadore Caro, worthy patron.
1892—Florence Crawford, worthy matron; Free Johnson, worthy patron.
1893—Katie Bunnell, worthy matron; Free Johnson, worthy patron.
1894—Madeline B. Conkling, worthy matron; M. G. Wilkins, worthy patron.
1895—Bertha Caro, worthy matron; C. W. Kirk, worthy patron.
1896—Alice Sheridan, worthy matron; A. M. Crawford, worthy patron.
1897—Regina Rast - Sawyers, worthy matron; Simon Caro, worthy patron.
1898—Mollie Shambrook, worthy matron; Simon Caro, worthy patron.
1899—Libbie Coshov, worthy matron; A. M. Crawford, worthy patron.
1900—Sarah Stroud, worthy matron; O. P. Coshov, worthy patron.
1901—Clara Rast, worthy matron; Free Johnson, worthy patron.
1902—Caille Beard, worthy matron; D. R. Shambrook, worthy patron.
1903—Nannie Sprague, worthy matron; S. A. Douglas, worthy patron.
1904—Maude Rast-Kidder, worthy matron; J. T. Bridges, worthy patron.
1905—Sarah Stroud, worthy matron; P. M. Beard, worthy patron.
1906—Flossie Shambrook-Virden, worthy matron; W. W. Shackrah, worthy patron.
1907—Martha Thackrah, worthy matron; S. F. Cawfield, worthy patron.
1908—Helen Wollenberg, worthy matron; Geo. Graham, worthy patron.
1909—Cora Willett, worthy matron; J. D. Zuercher, worthy patron.
1910—Mary E. Houck, worthy matron; A. A. Wilder, worthy patron.
1911—Edith Pearson - Phipps, worthy matron; A. A. Wilder, worthy patron.
1912—Jessie Davis, worthy matron; John Calloway, worthy patron.
1913—Nora Flint, worthy matron; Geo. E. Houck, worthy patron.
1914—Carrie Christie, worthy matron; J. W. Groves, worthy patron.
1915—Grace Elder-Nelbert, worthy matron; Dan P. Bunnell, worthy patron.
1916—Marie Ritter-McCall, worthy matron; A. A. Wilder, worthy patron.
1917—Margaret A. Page, worthy matron; J. E. Sawyers, worthy patron.
1918—Madge Buchanan, worthy matron; W. A. Sprague, worthy patron.
1919—Carrie Bell, worthy matron; Charles Page, worthy patron.
1920—Leona Abraham, worthy matron; Ed H. Lenox, worthy patron.
1921—Myrtle Reymers, worthy matron; Chas. Heinline, worthy patron.
1922—Elizabeth Runyan, worthy matron; Chas. Heinline, worthy patron.
1923—Mary Bubar, worthy matron; Russell Lintott, worthy patron.
1924—Hazel French, worthy matron; Russell Lintott, worthy patron.
1925—Cora B. Singleton, worthy matron; Chas. McElhinny, worthy patron.
1926—Ethel Bart, worthy matron; Warren G. Bart, worthy patron.
1927—Myrtle Bond, worthy matron; Fred Cook, worthy patron.
1928—Ethel Webb, worthy matron; Fred Cook, worthy patron.
1929—Effie Morgan, worthy matron; Fred Cook, worthy patron.
1930—Alida Williams, worthy matron; Walter Hercher, worthy patron.
1931—Lolla Wimberly, worthy matron; Walter Hercher, worthy patron.
1932—Eva Mae Ferrier, worthy matron; D. H. Lenox, worthy patron.
1933—Anna Cordon, worthy matron; Howard Turner, worthy patron.
1934—Ella Lenox, worthy matron; Wm. Anatin, worthy patron.
1935—Mada Whipple, worthy matron; D. H. Lenox, worthy patron.
1936—Claudia Hartung, worthy matron; Walter Hercher, worthy patron.

Throughout the years the Masonic bodies of Roseburg Laurel lodge No. 13, A. F. and A. M., and Assolun Commandery No. 14, Knights Templar, have ever maintained toward Roseburg chapter No. 8, Order of Eastern Star, an attitude of friendship, cooperation and helpfulness. In many instances we have worked together, always in perfect harmony, for our mutual advancement, for the improvement, repair or beautification of our common meeting place and for the care of the sick or the aid of the distressed. This beautiful spirit of fraternal affection has been an aid and inspiration to our chapter and for it we are deeply grateful.

We are also profoundly thankful that three of our charter members, Sisters Frances J. Howell, Mrs. Marietta Howell-Kohlhagen and Mrs. Isabelle Horner, have been spared us and are with us tonight. From Mrs. Margaret Bell, another charter member, 89 years young, living in Portland, Oregon, we have received a most gracious letter of greeting and good wishes; and L. L. Hurd, of Glendale, is the fifth living charter member.

Fifty years have come and gone. We go forward, "not knowing what trials may await us in the journey," but confident that "Our Heavenly Father will strengthen and uphold us by the right hand of His power," throughout all the years to come.

We view the past with pride and satisfaction, Grateful for many years of harmony; For tasks accomplished, and for burdens carried, Until we've reached our Golden Jubilee.

We scan the future with calm faith, believing The Star we've seen, our way will indicate As we entrust to younger hands, the guidance Of our dear chapter, Roseburg number-eight.

IN BANKRUPTCY

In the district court of the United States for the district of Oregon.

In the matter of Oscar L. Waterman, Bankrupt.

To the creditors of Oscar L. Waterman of Riddle in the county of Douglas and district aforesaid, a bankrupt:

Notice is hereby given that the said Oscar L. Waterman was on the 10th day of July, 1935, duly adjudicated bankrupt; and that the first meeting of his creditors will be held at the office of the undersigned in Roseburg, Oregon, on the 11th day of February, 1936, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at which time the said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a trustee, examine the bankrupt and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting.

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MOIESE, Mont., Jan. 30.—(AP)—A "one-in-a-million" rarity—an almost pure white buffalo bull—is king of the lumbering herd that roams the national bison range on the Flathead Indian reservation in Western Montana.

The shaggy albino beast is the only one of its kind known in the world, say Kenneth F. Roehen, U. S. game management agent, and Dr. R. S. Norton, federal game protector on the range. A white buffalo calf, they say, occurs only once in almost a million births of the true bison.

The bull was born of ordinary-colored deep brown buffalo parents. It has been the center of tribal celebrations by the Flatheads, who regard it as a good omen. Buffalo hide is sable or ermine to the fashionable modern Indian princess, but a white buffalo robe is regal raiment, not to be dreamed of.

From the time it was calved in 1933 the big albino beast has been the pride of its natural-colored herd brothers, according to persons on the national range.

"When I first tried to photograph the albino, it took hours to get a camera shot because the other buffalo would form a protecting circle around the calf," Roehen said.

There are about 600 animals in the national bison range herd—the limit the range will feed. The range was established in 1909 and lies along the Flathead river valley in the shadow of the Mellow Mission mountains. There are elk, deer, mountain sheep and many kinds of wild fowl within the preserve.

DOLE-RELIEF LOAD NOT GREATLY EASED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—(AP)—Harry L. Hopkins, WPA administrator, estimates dole and work relief rolls are nearly as bulky now as a year ago, when an all-time relief population peak of 20,000,000 was reached.

Hopkins was reported to have told a group of democratic senators yesterday that while there had

been a "slight improvement," the burden remained about the same. One subject under discussion was the requirement that 90 percent of those given WPA jobs be taken direct from the relief rolls. Some conferees were said to have expressed opposition to this rule on the ground that many needy persons had been too proud to go on the dole. The majority, however, agreed it was reported, that the rule favored by Hopkins, should be continued.

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