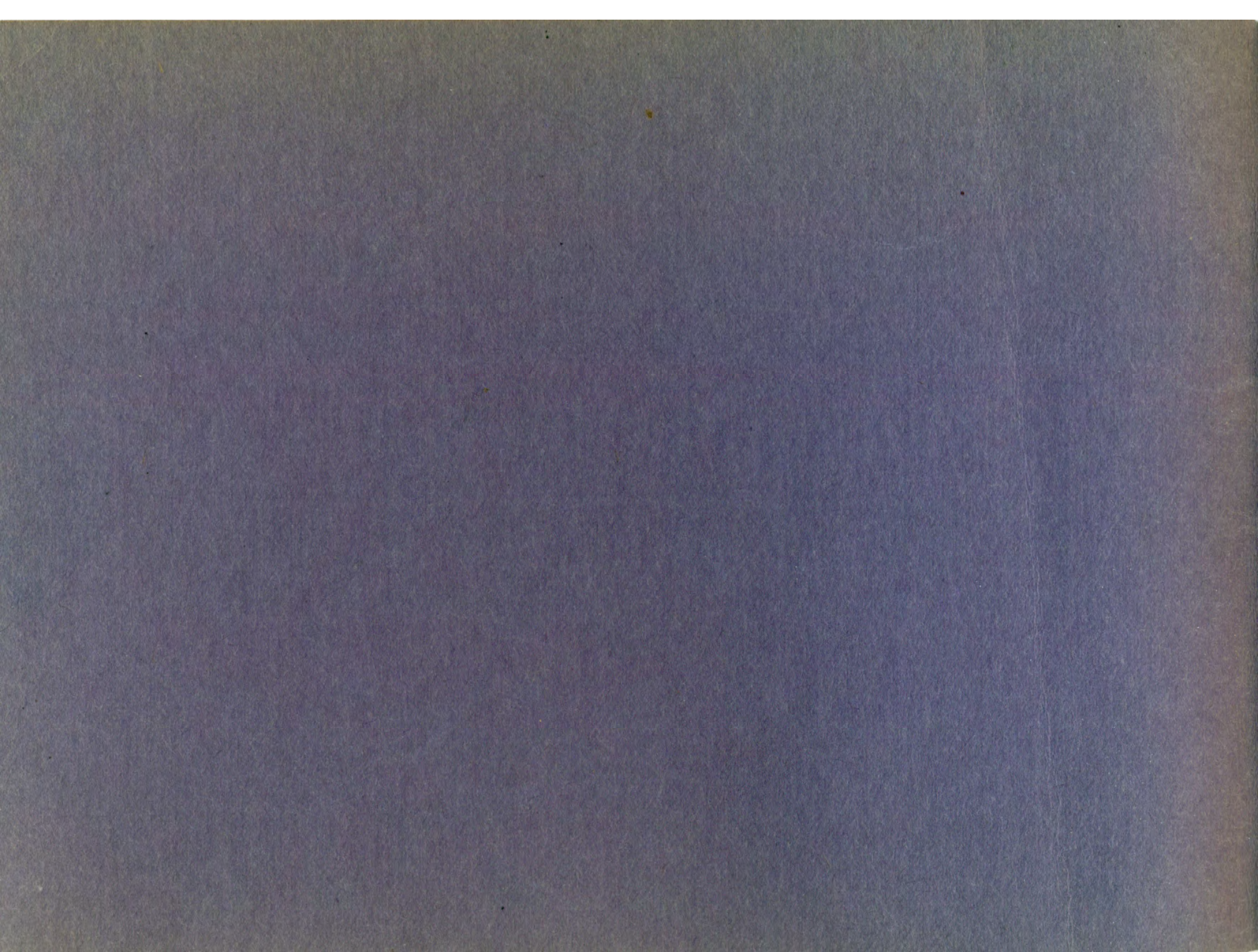


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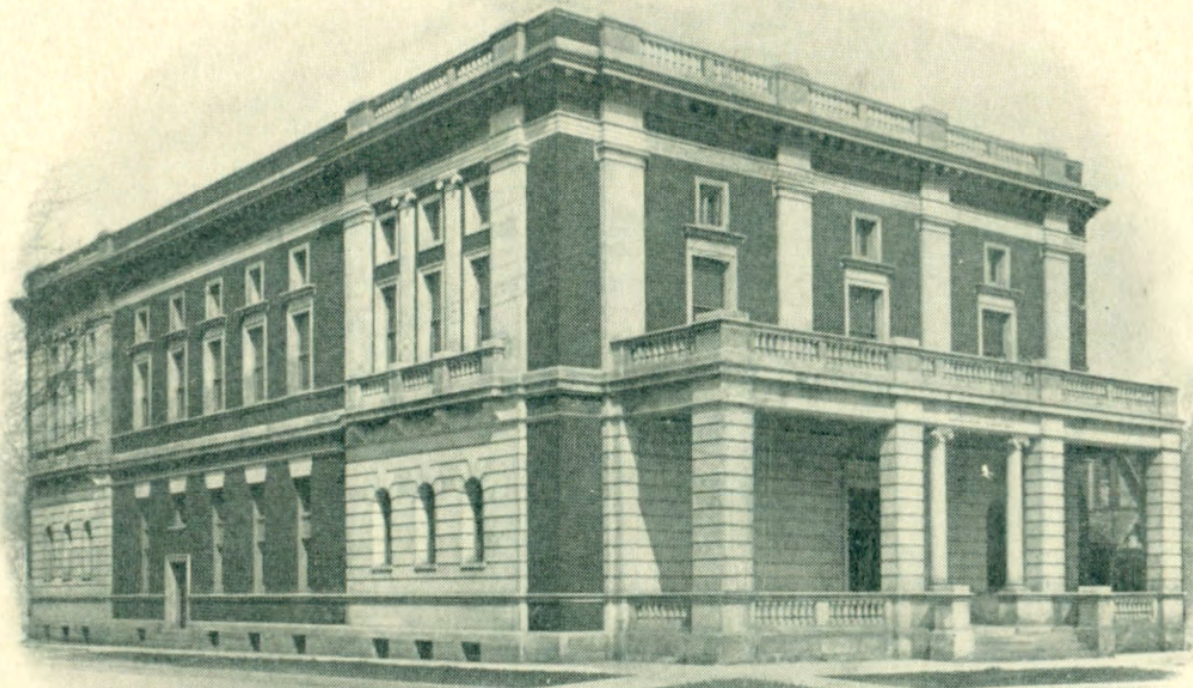
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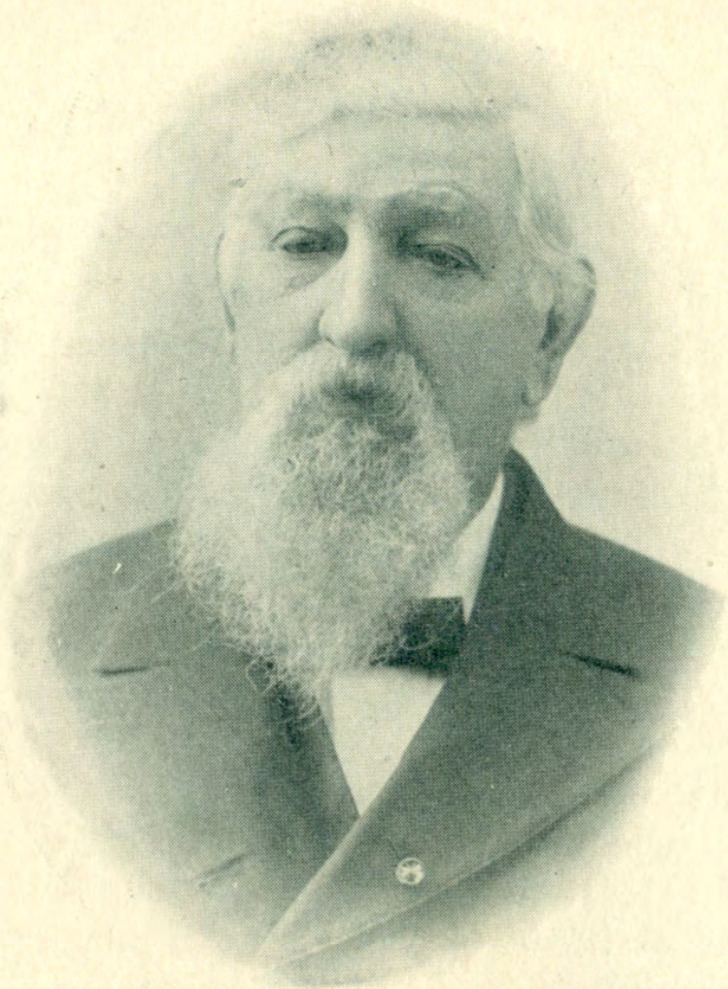
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Historia



MONTGOMERY Lodge No. 50, Free and Accepted Masons, was instituted under charter, dated May 27, 1844, it having been organized in 1843 under dispensation granted to Jacob Winn, Taylor W. Webster, Isaac Naylor, Hosea Dean, John Burk Sr., Isaac C. Elston, James B. Sidener, John Crawford and Mahlon D. Manson. None of these are now living and with the exception of Brother Manson little is known of their Masonic history prior to the organization of this lodge.

Mahlon D. Manson was born February 20, 1818, received the degrees in Warren Lodge, Piqua, Ohio, in March, 1841, and remained a member of Montgomery Lodge from the date of the dispensation until his death, February 4, 1895. He was Worshipful Master of the lodge for many years before



MAHLON D. MANSON

and after the Civil War and was Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge in 1860. He also distinguished himself as a soldier in both the Mexican and Civil Wars, retiring from the latter as Brevet Major-General, and afterward held many offices of honor and trust, having been Collector of Internal Revenue, Representative in Congress, Auditor of State and Lieutenant Governor.

The principal officers of the Lodge under dispensation were James V. Sidener, Worshipful Master; Isaac Naylor, Senior Warden, and Isaac C. Elston, Junior Warden; and the first to receive the degrees was James M. Wadding, June 10, July 8, and August 12, 1843. Six others were made Master Masons and eight affiliated under the dispensation. Under the charter the same brothers were continued as Wardens, but the first Worshipful Master was Harvey G. Hazelrigg, who afterward became very prominent in the Order, having occupied the position of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge for three years.

The first Masonic Hall was on the southeast corner of Washington and Market streets, and was destroyed by fire in 1857 with all its contents, including the records of the Lodge. Since that time the Lodge has held its meetings in its Hall at Nos. 123-125 East Main street. Dur-



RUSSELL DETCHON WHITE

LUCIEN A. FOOTE, 32°

ALBERT WASSON GOLTRA

ing the continuous existence of Montgomery Lodge there have been thirty-one Worshipful Masters, eleven of whom are still active members. From as accurate a calculation as it is possible to make from the records of the Lodge, nearly nine hundred brothers have been connected with it either by receiving the degrees in it or by affiliation.

The present membership is two hundred and sixty-nine, and among these we give here the names of twenty-five whom the records show enjoy the distinction of having been Master Masons for forty years or more, noting after each the year in which he was made a Master Mason: Martin B. Richmond, 1846; Lucien A. Foote, 1849; Charles N. Harding, 1850; Lew Wallace, 1851; James Harris, 1851; John L. Davis, 1852, (the oldest living member made a Mason in this lodge); Joseph R. Duncan, 1855; Joseph D. Tracy, 1855; Michael D. White, 1856; Zachariah Mahorney, 1856; John A. Harding, 1856; William H. Schooler, 1857; David W. Milholland, 1857; Preston M. Layne, 1858; John A. Clark, 1858; John H. Shue, 1859; August Bappert, 1859; William G. Hanna, 1859; Elijah Clore, 1860; John F. Wilhite, 1862; Forguson G. McIntire, 1862; Robert A. Smith, 1862; John B. Robb, 1864; Eli F. Armentrout, 1864; and James E. Cave, 1864.



JOHN L. DAVIS, 32°

Brother Lucien A. Foote was born in Batavia, Ohio, December 16, 1824. Received the first three degrees of Masonry in Parke Lodge No. 8, Rockville, Indiana, in 1849, affiliated with this lodge in 1865, and has been its Secretary continuously since that year with the exception of three years, one of which he was Worshipful Master. He was made a Royal Arch Mason in Terre Haute Chapter No. 11 in May, 1856; received the degrees of Royal and Select Masters in Terre Haute Council No. 8, in 1867, and was knighted in Raper Commandery, No. 1, in 1865. He received the order of High Priesthood May, 1864, and the grades of the A. A. Scottish Rite in the Valley of Indianapolis in May, 1867. He was Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Indiana in 1874, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter in 1875, and Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council in 1874.

Brother Foote rendered service to his country as a volunteer soldier in the Civil War, being the organizer and Captain of Company A, 14th Indiana Volunteers, and was afterward commissioned Major.

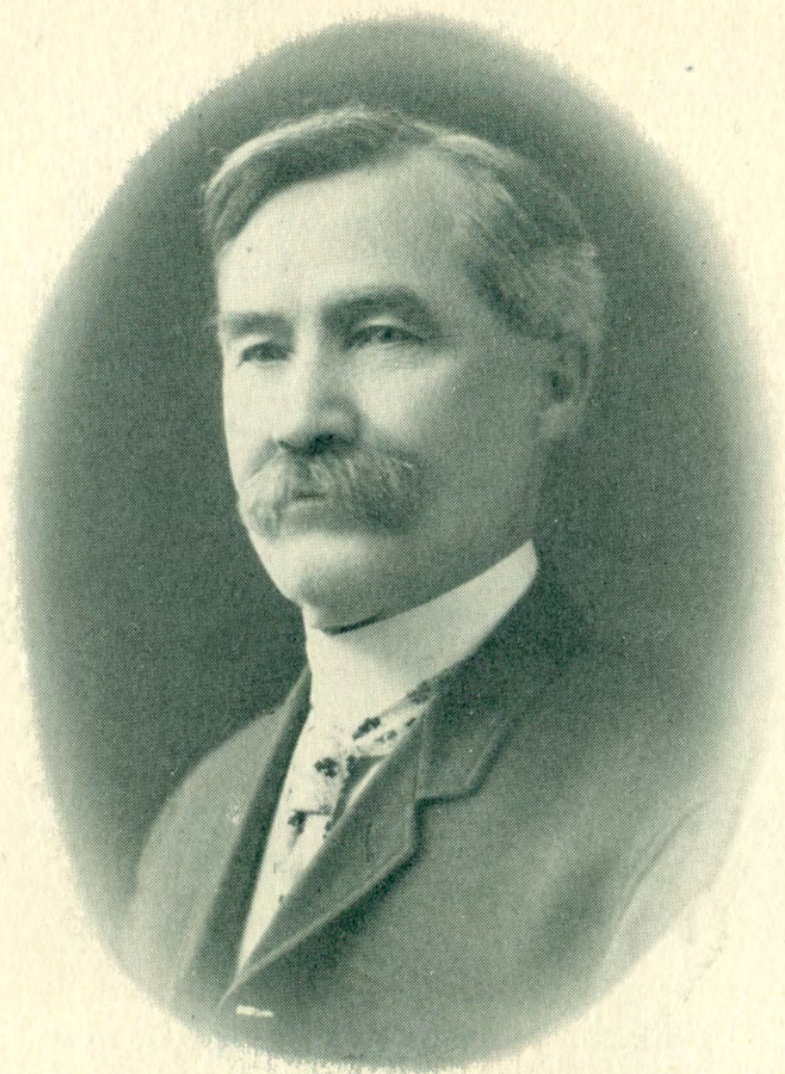


CHARLES GOLTRA

General Lew Wallace, whose fame as a soldier, diplomat and author makes him the central figure of Crawfordsville's world renown, was born at Brookville, Ind., April 10, 1827, and was made a Master Mason in 1851 at Covington, Ind., by the Hon. Edward A. Hannegan, and has been a member of Montgomery Lodge for many years. He served in the Mexican War as lieutenant in Co. H, 1st Indiana Infantry; was made Adjutant-General of the State of Indiana at the beginning of the Civil War, soon afterward organized 11th Indiana Regiment of Volunteers of which he was given the colonelcy, from which position he was promoted in turn to the rank of Brigadier-General and Major-General.

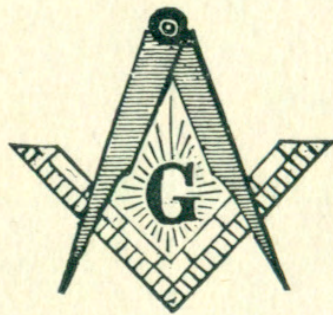
He was given a diplomatic mission to Mexico in 1866, made Governor of New Mexico 1880, and United States Minister to Turkey 1881-85.

He is the author of "Fair God," "Ben-Hur," "Boyhood of Christ," "Prince of India," etc. His fame as the author of "Ben-Hur" would enable him to travel and work in every foreign country as a Master in the art of literature. This book is the one romance in the world in which the Son of God is made a living, moving character; it is the one story where the talents and emotions of the author were great enough to paint scenes which do not belittle the Savior of mankind.



GEORGE E. GRIMES, 32°

Montgomery County Masons have been highly honored during this month by the election of Brother Charles Goltra, a member of this Lodge, as Right Eminent Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Indiana, and Brother George E. Grimes, a member of Ladoga Lodge No. 187, as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, both being members of all the other Masonic bodies of this city.





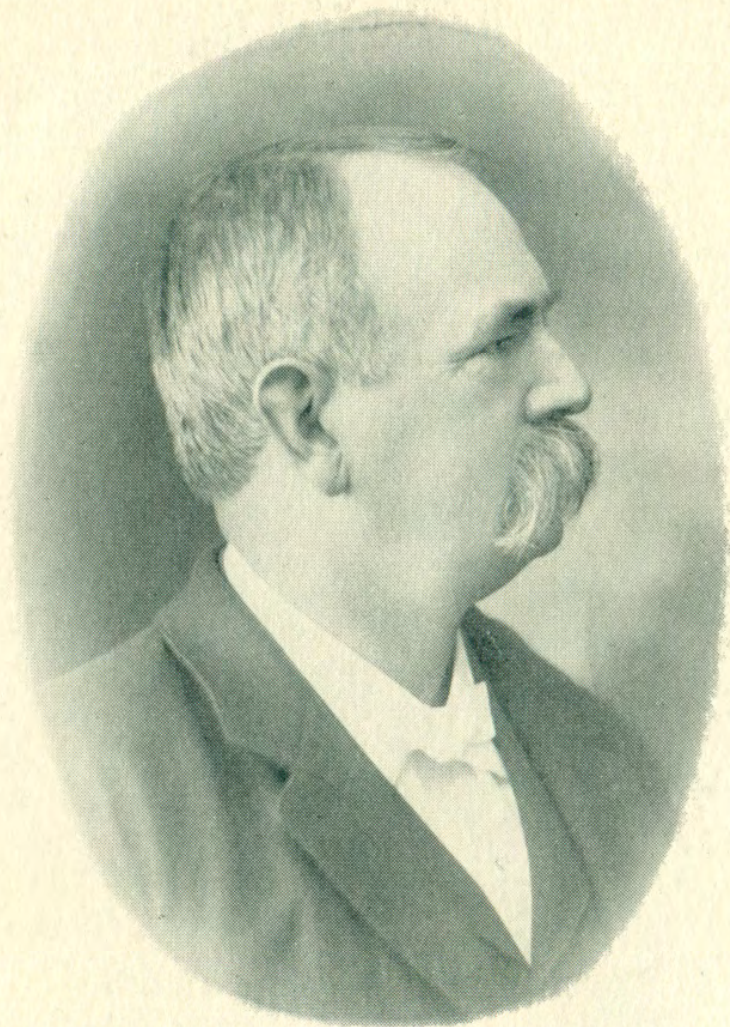
BENJAMIN WASSON

The Building of The Temple



THE Masonic Temple Association was formed August 20, 1897, and afterward incorporated under the laws of the state of Indiana, with representatives chosen by the several bodies as follows: John L. Davis, Walter F. Hulet, James Wright (now deceased and succeeded by William M. White), Chauncey R. Snodgrass, Charles Goltra, Jere West, Alexander F. Ramsey, Albert S. Miller, Lucien A. Foote, John C. Wicker, George W. Graham, John R. Bonnell, Charles E. Lacey, Mrs. Jennette Wright, and Mrs. Blanche Gould.

The officers of the Association are as follows: Alexander F. Ramsey, President; George W. Graham, Vice-President; Charles Goltra, Treasurer; and Lucien A. Foote, Secretary.



ALEXANDER F. RAMSEY

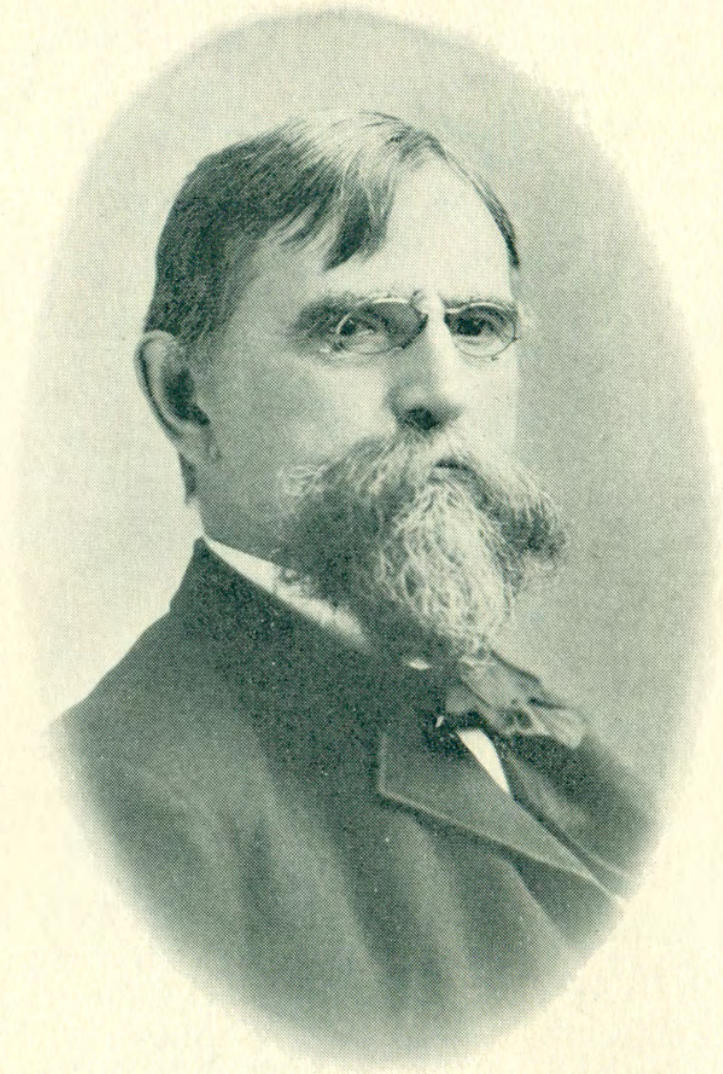
Building Committee: Alexander F. Ramsey, George W. Graham, Walter F. Hulet, Albert S. Miller and Charles Goltra.

Architect: Brother William F. Sharpe, of this city.

Contractors: W. P. Jungelaus Co., Indianapolis.

Builders: Brothers Benjamin S. Myers and Nathaniel R. Swan, of this city.

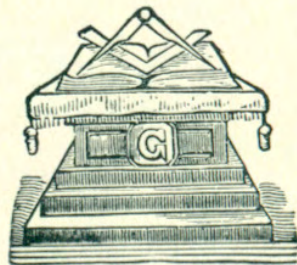
The first brick in the foundation of the Temple was laid September 3, 1901, on which occasion the Lodge held interesting and instructive ceremonies; addresses were delivered by Brothers Lucien A. Foote, Past Grand Master, and Hon. Jere West, Past Master of the Lodge, and music rendered by a choir of Masons. The work of laying the brick was performed by Brother Foote, assisted by Masters Albert Wasson Goltra, age six years, son of Brother William W. Goltra, and grandson of Brother Charles Goltra, and great-grandson of Brother Benjamin Wasson, deceased; and Russell Detchon White, age two and one-half years, the son of Brother William M. White, then and now Worshipful Master of the Lodge. The combination in this ceremony of the old and young was both unique and interesting, and nothing could have been more



GEN. LEW. WALLACE

fitting as a means of leaving a lasting impression on youthful minds already endowed with a worthy Masonic ancestry.

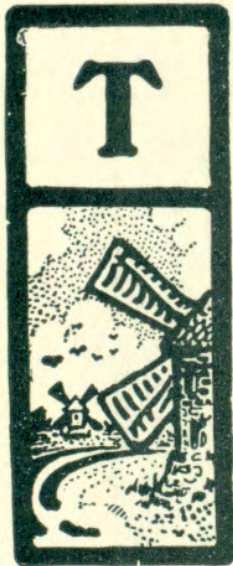
The corner stone of the Temple was laid October 31, 1901, with the full ceremonies by the following officers: Governor Winfield T. Durbin as Grand Master, Lucien A. Foote as Deputy Grand Master, William M. White as Senior Grand Warden, George E. Grimes, Junior Grand Warden, Martin H. Rice Grand Treasurer, Calvin W. Prather Grand Secretary, Marion Crosley, Grand Chaplain, George A. Gay, Grand Marshal, Alexander M. Scott as Senior Grand Deacon, Charles Goltra as Junior Grand Deacon, Chauncey R. Snodgrass as Grand Lecturer, Theodore D. Brown, the Holy Writings, Thomas S. Marshall, Orator, and William Marks as Grand Tyler.





GRAND ENTRANCE HALL

The Temple



THE Temple, seventy by one hundred and twenty-five feet, stands fifty feet high on a commanding site at Washington street and Wabash avenue, facing the Carnegie Library on the East and the Center Presbyterian Church on the South. The structural lines of the building are expressed in the Renaissance style of architecture, and the whole is wrought in brick and oolitic stone. Across the main front which is to the East there stretches the inviting adornment of a seventy foot stone portico.

On the first floor which is designed for social purposes exclusively, the opening way for the main entrance is formed by a Grand Entrance Hall, on both sides of which are the large Reception Parlors with all attendant conveniences, and



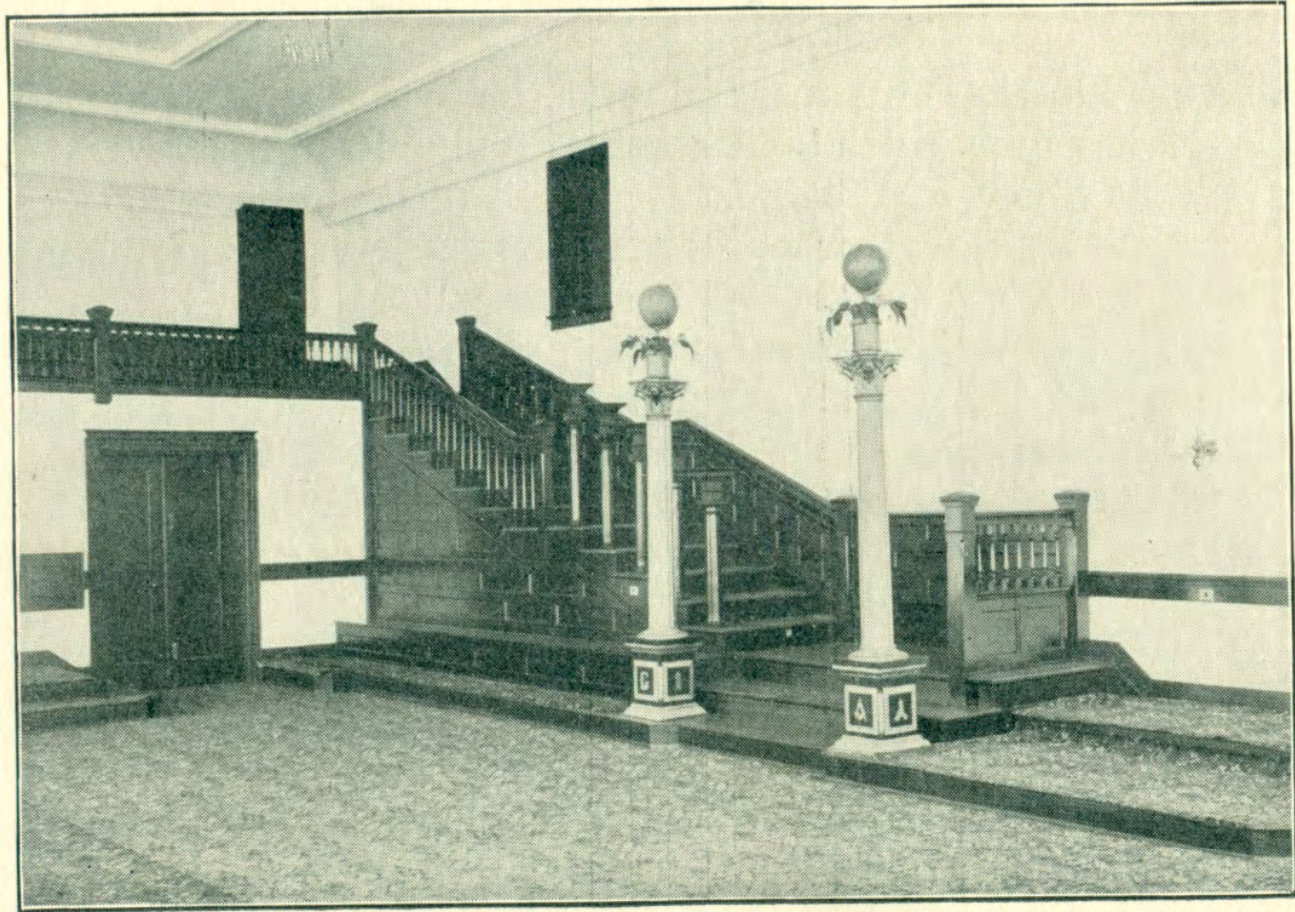
GRAND STAIRWAY AND MEZZANINE

which leads to the Grand Banquet Hall extending the full width of the building across the west end.

The introduction of a mezzanine at the rear of the Grand Entrance Hall is the key note which binds all the social units of the structure into one aesthetic whole, and renders logical the liberal proposition so essential to the stately grandeur and refined grace with which the muse of architecture here greets the lover of repose and beauty. This mezzanine overlooks by its balconies the Grand Entrance Hall and spacious parlors to the front and the Grand Banquet Hall in the rear, and screens the subordinate smoking room, serving room, foyer and toilet rooms beneath. It is reached by the Grand Stairway which is in two branches, rising in graceful winding lines in perfect balance and symmetry from the rear of the Grand Entrance Hall.

On the second floor there is the spacious Blue Lodge Room and Council Room made doubly attractive by the emblematic architecture of Masonry and accommodated with a full quota of working and property rooms, and in the rear over the Grand Banquet Hall there is a special Assembly Room provided with a fully equipped stage.

A classic cornice supported on stately columns and pilasters adorns

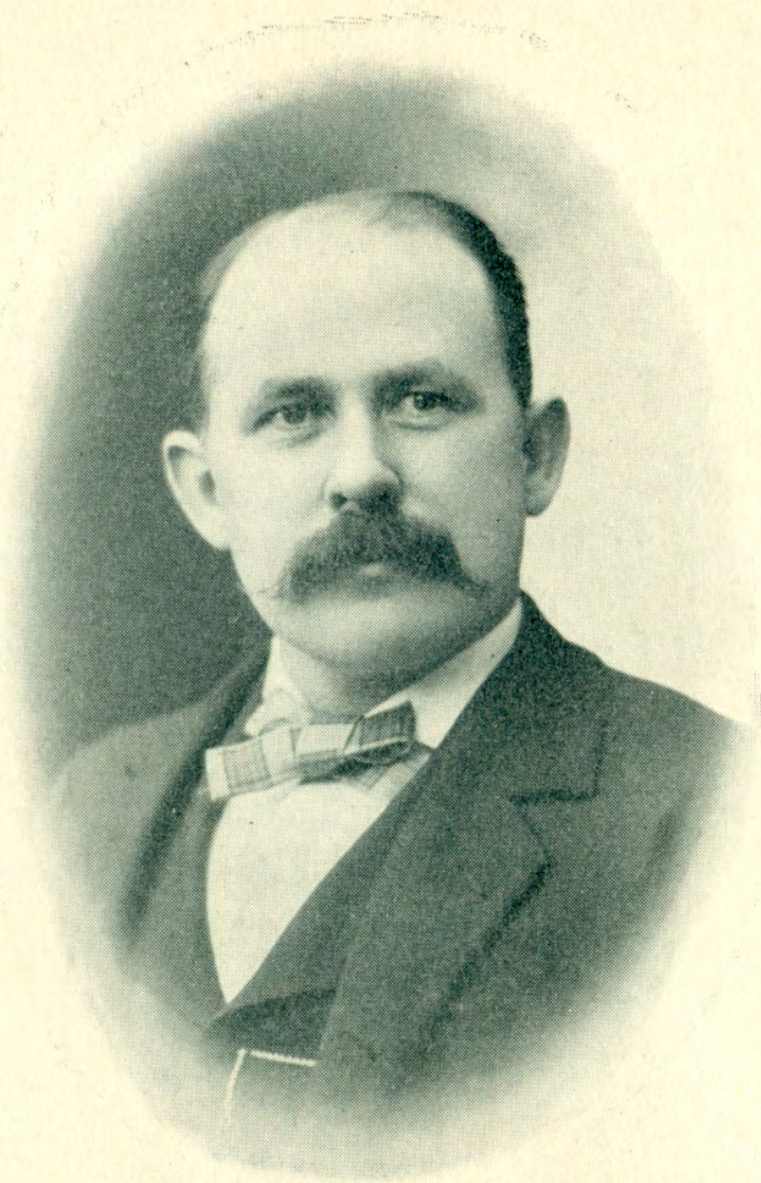


PART OF LODGE ROOM

all the important rooms and conceals the fixtures from which spread the illumination of one thousand electric lights.

The building as a whole is a combination of the ancient and the modern, the embodiment of an architectural idea clothed in the symbolic geometry of Masonry. It has been tested by the level, the plumb and the square, and now stands not only as an adornment to our beautiful city but as a perpetual monument of the zeal and sacrifice of united brethren bound together by the tenets of a craft more ancient than the Golden Fleece or the Roman Eagle.

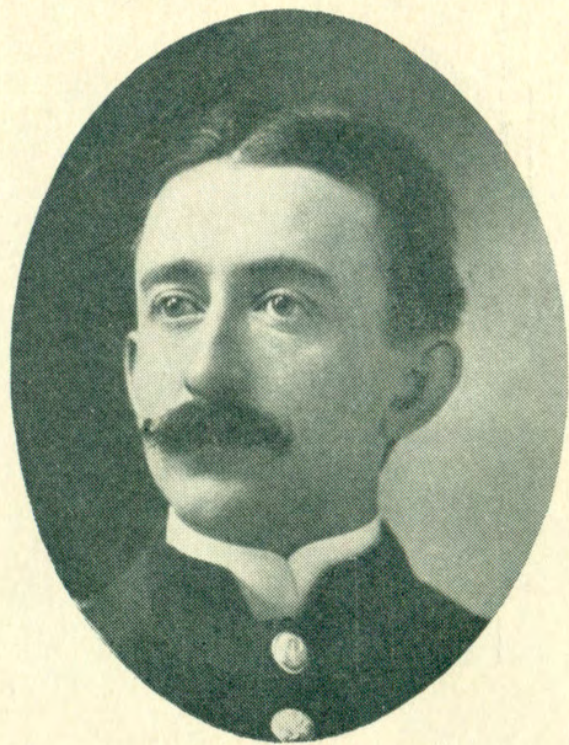
The Temple will be occupied by Montgomery Lodge No. 50 Free and Accepted Masons with 269 members, Crawfordsville Chapter No. 40 Royal Arch Masons with 182 members, Montgomery Council No. 34 Royal and Select Masters with 126 members, Crawfordsville Commandery No. 25, Knights Templar with 150 members, and Athens Chapter No. 97 Order of Eastern Star with 235 members.



WILLIAM M. WHITE, 32°



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