

A History of
Dayton Lodge No. 147, F. & A. M.
From 1847 to 1997
The First 150 Years

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In his history of Ohio Freemasonry, *FRONTIER CORNERSTONE*, Allen E. Roberts states, “Men must always have something to sustain them; something of moral and spiritual value; something they can consider a sanctuary. This they can find in Freemasonry. In Masonry men from every walk of life can blend into a harmonious oneness. Yet they don’t have to crush their individuality.”¹ Dayton Lodge No. 147, in 1997, completed 150 years of fulfilling the needs spoken of by Allen E. Roberts.

The following history of this period of time attempts to give the reader a description of the life of Dayton Lodge; a time when the world moved from the horse and buggy to the space shuttle. This description is not an exhaustive recount of every detail, but relates significant and representative events in the life of Dayton Lodge No. 147. In addition, there is a special emphasis to present details and information regarding at least some of the men, or rather brothers, who have labored in the Dayton Lodge quarries. While the current members know something of the lives of their brethren, both inside the Lodge and without, brethren of 100 years ago or more tend to exist only as names on lists.

In addition, significant events belonging to the world outside of the Lodge have been included in this history. This has been done for three reasons. First, events such as the Great Depression have made their effects felt inside the lodgeroom. Second, these outside events provide a sense of “when” certain Lodge activities actually took place. The fact that Bro. Joseph A. Wortman was installed as the Worshipful Master of Dayton Lodge on December 10, 1903 is better placed in time when one realizes that the Installation took place seven days before the Wright Brothers first flew at Kill Devil Hill in North Carolina. Third, these outside events help to give today’s reader a better sense of the world that the Brethren of the past saw when they left the Lodge room.

Finally, two significant events occurred in Dayton, Ohio in 1847. One was the lying of the foundation of the “Old” Courthouse² located at the corner of Third and Main Streets. The second was the Chartering of Dayton Lodge No. 147, F.&A.M. Many buildings have come and gone since 1847. These include the “New” Courthouse and all of the previous homes of Dayton Lodge. Similarly, many social groups have also come and gone during the same period of time. Both the “Old” Courthouse and Dayton Lodge No. 147, however, have survived.

DEDICATION

This history is dedicated to three groups of Masons. It is dedicated to the Brethren of the Past, who have labored to present Dayton Lodge to we the Brethren of the Present. Finally, it is dedicated to the Brethren of the Future, to whom we shall, in turn, present our Lodge.

DOCUMENTATION

This history has been documented with Endnotes and Bibliography for three reasons: First, to show the sources of the writer’s information. Second, to provide a starting point for readers interested in further information on a particular subject. Third, to assist other/future historians with their research.

James K. Polk was President of the United States of America in 1845. On August 16 of that year, St. Johns Lodge No. 13 in Dayton, Ohio heard the report of their Lodge Room Committee. A room could be leased from their Bro. John Sayre. This room was located in a building he owned; a building which stood at the southeast corner of First and St. Clair Streets. This building would in two years become the home of Dayton Lodge No. 147, F.&A.M.¹ and Bro. Sayre would be its first Worshipful Master.

April 12, 1847

The following members of St. Johns Lodge No. 13² met and signed a petition which would become Dayton Lodge No. 147:

Daniel Beckel	Daniel Bickford	John Bidleman
Lewis H. Brown	L. Buvinger	John W. Carey
David Clark	James Collins	James Cumings
George C. Davis	Elias Favorite	Richard Green
James Green	George E. Haynes	Joseph L. Howard
J. Jones	Henry Kissinger	Peter P. Lowe
Samuel B. Murphy	E. Rector	Joseph T. Reed
John Sayre	Edwin Smith	E. Stebbins
Alexander Swaynie	William W. Wolf	W. Zerns ³

The brethren on this list formed the nucleus of a lodge which would be “the first direct offspring of St. Johns Lodge.” The presence of Bro. John Sayre, the then current Worshipful Master of St. Johns Lodge, as a petitioner indicated that “something was wrong.”⁴ Matters appear to have come to a head and were basically resolved in the next few weeks. The St. Johns Minutes of May 4 stated “ ‘Resolved, that the proceedings of St. Johns Lodge on Saturday evening, May 1st, be forgotten in a forgiving spirit alike honorable to Masons and the order to which they belong.’ ”⁵

May 6, 1847

A Lodge of Master Masons was opened with the following officers presiding:

R. W. Bro. George W. Keifer(Deputy Grand Master), W. M.
 Bro. John H. Achey, S. W.
 Bro. Thomas C. Mitchell, J. W.
 Bro. Daniel Eichelbarger, Treasurer
 Bro. Peter Baer, Secretary
 Bro. Thomas Sullivan, S. D.
 Bro. William Finch, J. D.
 Bro. Lewis H. Brown, Tyler⁶

The Minutes for the evening state that Bro. John Sayre announced that \$50.00 had to be raised to pay for the Dispensation to form the new lodge. The Minutes then have a list of brethren whose contributions totaled \$37.00. The source(s) of the remaining \$13.00 is (are) not known, but the Dispensation was issued that same evening.⁷

May 6, 1847 (continued)

The following officers, the first of Dayton Lodge, were then elected and installed:

Bro. John Sayre, W. M.
 Bro. Joseph L. Howard, S. W.
 Bro. James Collins, J. W.
 Bro. Daniel Bickford, Treasurer
 Bro. G. E. Haynes, Secretary
 Bro. David Clark, S. D.
 Bro. Samuel B. Murphy, J. D.
 Bro. Lewis H. Brown, Tyler

May 27, 1847

Ten petitions at \$5.00 each were regularly received and referred to committees for a report.

June 10, 1847

The first degree work performed by Dayton Lodge U. D. occurred when the Entered Apprentice Degree was conferred on Messrs. D. D. Dyke and D. Everhart. The degrees were then \$5.00 each and the annual dues were \$1.00.⁸

The following table summarizes all degree work through the granting of the Charter to Dayton Lodge:

Name	Entered Degree Apprentice Date	Fellowcraft Degree Date	Master Mason Degree Date
W. W. Campbell	9-30-1847		
Amos Decker	6-11-1847	6-16-1847	6-21-1847
W. Dickey	6-11-1847	6-16-1847	6-21-1847
D. D. Dyke	6-10-1847	6-16-1847	6-21-1847
Thompson Ennis	6-11-1847	6-16-1847	6-21-1847
D. Everhart	6-10-1847	7-18-1847	7-29-1847
Lewis Heckler	6-11-1847	6-16-1847	6-21-1847
A. Hooper	6-24-1847	7-18-1847	8-18-1847
A. H. Hunecke	6-11-1847	6-16-1847	**
Adam Kunts	7-8-1847	8-12-1847	9-23-1847
George Owen	6-24-1847	8-12-1847	8-18-1847
J. C. Payne	7-1-1847		
George W. Shaeffer	8-5-1847	10-14-1847	11-18-1847*
Stith M. Sullivan	9-9-1847	12-9-1847*	
W. F. Weber	6-24-1847	7-18-1847	7-22-1847

Notes: * "Date is after the Charter date of October 21, 1847 and is included to complete the degree information for the individual candidate.

** "Several brethren were balloted upon June 21, 1847 and approved. The Minutes state that 'they severaly (sic) being present except Hunecke' had the Master Mason Degree conferred upon them. The receipts of the meeting showed that Bro. Hunecke's M. M. Degree fee of \$5.00 was paid, as were those of the others who were raised. The "except" wording aside, the \$5.00 payment indicates that he was raised.⁹

September 10, 1847

Communications with distant cities improved when the first telegraph office opened in Dayton, Ohio. The first message arrived a week later on September 17. The railroad had not yet come to town.¹⁰ The first railroad, the Mad River and Lake Erie, arrived January 27, 1851¹¹.

October 21, 1847

The Grand Lodge of Ohio, meeting in Zanesville, granted a Charter to Dayton Lodge No. 147¹² This date, October 21, 1847, is the date shown on the Charter itself. The “traditional date” is August 21, 1847 and has been found at least as early as 1898 when it appeared in a Masonic Temple Directory¹³. Neither Dayton Lodge Minutes nor Grand Lodge Proceedings for 1847 support the August 21 date. The source of the August 21 date, for the present, remains a mystery.

The Master Masons belonging to Dayton Lodge as of the Charter date, the Charter Members, are as follows:

Daniel Beckel	Amos Decker	A. Hooper	Joseph T. Reed
Daniel Bickford	W. Dickey	Joseph L. Howard	John Sayre
John Bidleman	D. D. Dyke	A. H. Hunecke	Edwin Smith
Lewis H. Brown	Thompson Ennis	J. Jones	E. Stebbins
L. Buvinger	D. Everhart	Henry Kissinger	Alexander Swaynie
John W. Carey	Elias Favorite	Adam Kunts	W. F. Weber
David Clark	James Green	Peter P. Lowe	William W. Wolf
James Collins	Richard Green	Samuel B. Murphy	W. Zerns ¹⁴
James Cumings	George E. Haynes	George Owen	
George C. Davis	Lewis Heckler	E. Rector	

Before proceeding onward, let us look at one representative from the group of Charter Members. Bro. Daniel Beckel had his biography included in the *1862 HISTORY OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, OHIO*. There, it relates that he was born September 14, 1813 in England and came to Baltimore, Maryland in 1829. His step-father was a Civil Engineer, who helped build the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and took Daniel as his assistant.

Bro. Beckel came to Dayton after completing contracting work on the St. Mary’s Reservoir, a part of the Miami Canal. In Dayton, he “built the Ohio Block, Beckel Opera House, the Beckel House, and other valuable structures.” He was elected to the House of Representatives in 1851 and served two terms.

His biography states that “Mr. Beckel had none of the advantages of early education or mental training....Yet he was a man of remarkable intellectual force....He was capable of great things, as well as small....He was large minded enough to know that the interests of the city of his residence, and of the public generally, were also his interests, and he was noted for his public spirit....”¹⁵

October 28, 1847

Worshipful Master John Sayre presented the Charter to the Lodge. The same evening a committee was appointed to meet with Reed Encampment (Commandery). This committee was to arrange the installations of Dayton Lodge and Reed Encampment officers to be held at the same time in a public ceremony¹⁶.

December 10, 1847

The 1848 Officers were elected. Bro. John Sayre remained as Worshipful Master.¹⁷

January 6, 1848

Bro. Stith M. Sullivan received his Master Mason Degree. He was to contribute greatly to Dayton, Ohio Masonry in the following years. He was the first in Dayton Lodge and the second in Dayton, Ohio to receive the Scottish Rite 33^o. (Bro. C. C. Kiefer of St. Johns Lodge No. 13 was the first in Dayton, Ohio.)¹⁸

Bro. Stith Sullivan, a lawyer, was prominent in the area. The Methodist Protestant Episcopal Church knew him as an active and generous member.¹⁹ His son, William B. Sullivan would later serve as the Worshipful Master of Dayton Lodge in 1910.

May 29, 1848

Wisconsin became the thirtieth state of the United States of America.

December 2, 1848

The Minutes of St. Johns Lodge showed that gas lighting had been approved for Bro. Sayre's building; the building in which the Lodges met. The Dayton Gas Light and Coke Company then sent a bill on April 7, 1849 in the amount of \$7.65 to cover the March gas usage.²⁰

1849

Bro. Joseph L. Howard served as the Worshipful Master of Dayton Lodge.

The city of Dayton reached a count of 10,000 citizens²¹.

The year 1849 also marked the journey of the Forty Niners to California on their search for gold. U. S. President James K. Polk had announced the discovery of the precious metal in his December 5, 1848 message to Congress²².

The original intent of this history was to cover the life of Dayton Lodge No. 147 only through its first 150 years or through 1997. The following has been included, however, based upon its significance and importance to Dayton Lodge.

March 11, 1999

The petition of Horace A. Irvin Lodge No. 647, F.&A.M., to consolidate with Dayton Lodge No. 147, F.&A.M., had its second reading. This petition was then accepted and approved. The Worshipful Master of Dayton Lodge, Bro. Steve Siefert, then welcomed the Brethren of Horace A. Irvin Lodge who were present at the meeting. These included Bro. Richard Steinbarger, Worshipful Master¹.

Horace A. Irvin Lodge had found it to be necessary to consolidate with Dayton Lodge after experiencing difficulties similar to those of the former Aero Lodge. These included an inability to attract new officers.

June 24, 1850 (W. M.: John Sayre)

Together, Dayton Lodge No. 147 and St. Johns Lodge No. 13 celebrated St. John The Baptist Day in a daylong event. Visitors were present from several surrounding towns. These included Piqua, Springfield, Greenville, Tippacanoe (Tipp City), and Cincinnati.

At ten o'clock A. M. a procession formed and marched "through the streets of our city." They marched to an unnamed "grove" where there was a band and a choir.

Bro. N. M. Gaylord of Hamilton gave an oration on the "Origin and history of freemasonry and defending its principles." The Managing Committee asked for \$15 from each of the Lodges to suitably reward Bro. Gaylord for his address. Following a dinner at Bro. W. H. Squires', another procession formed and returned to the Lodge room.¹

December 25, 1851

Lodge Minutes show that W. M. W. H. Squires held a meeting on Christmas Day! The Minutes of Dayton Lodge further show that on the 10 occasions between 1851 through 1919, when the Lodge's meeting night fell on December 25, a meeting was, indeed, held. The regularity of these meetings indicates that the secular observance of Christmas during this period was considerably different than that of the present.

Typical Lodge activities took place during these Christmas Day meetings. Minutes were read. Bills were paid and candidates received degree work. Indeed, on December 25, 1902, Bro. J. W. Hodson, W. M., after hearing the Secretary's Report covering the year ending December 11, called a meeting for December 31, New Year's Eve! Dayton Lodge proceeded to confer four Entered Apprentice and one Master Mason Degree during the New Year's Eve meeting.²

February 4, 1855

The new Masonic Hall, the second home of Dayton Lodge, No. 147, was opened. This Hall was located in the Loomis Building located at 19 East Third Street. The National City Center Building now occupies the site of this building, which is located on the north side of Third Street between Main and Jefferson Streets.

The Worshipful Master at this time was Bro. B. M. Ayres, who was Master during the years 1854-1856. At the time of his death on December 20, 1863, Bro. Ayres was serving the local community as the Montgomery County Auditor.

The "FUNERAL NOTICE" section of the December 23 *Journal* had two entries for Bro. Ayres. One was regarding Dayton Lodge. The other advised members of Montgomery Lodge No. 5, I. O. O. F (Independent Order of Odd Fellows) to meet at the Lodge room. Following this, they were to attend the funeral of their Bro. Ayres. Several instances of memberships in both the Freemasons and I. O. O. F. have been found in the early history of Dayton, Ohio.³

January 19, 1857

The "LOCAL NEWS" section of the *Dayton Daily Journal* related that on this date the officers-elect of both St. John's and Dayton Lodges were installed in a public ceremony. Preceding the public Installation, W. Bro. O. A. Lyman of St. Johns installed Bro. Edwin A. Parrott as Worshipful Master of Dayton Lodge. The Lodges then moved to Huston Hall, located at the southeast corner of Third and Jefferson Streets, for the remainder of the Installations. Bro. W. H. Squires, Worshipful Master of Olancho Lodge U. D. acted as the Deputy Grand Marshal.

The newspaper account relates that, "These installation ceremonies were interesting in fact, rather imposing. Besides the brethren of the 'mystic tie,' there were many ladies and gentlemen," who attended by presenting tickets of admission.

January 19, 1857 (continued)

The Installation program contained both vocal and instrumental music. The latter was provided by the Republican Band.

W. Bro. Parrott conducted the Installation services using “the impressive ritual of Free Masonry....,” as reported in the newspaper article.

W. Bro. Lyman then gave an address relating to the principles, history and character of Freemasonry. In his address, he entered into reasons why women were not admitted as Lodge members⁴.

November 25, 1858

The *LEDGER*, which contains various information regarding Dayton Lodge members, notes that Bro. Abraham Laskey, a Hebrew minister, received his Master Mason Degree. A pencilled note on Bro. Laskey’s record states that he became the Worshipful Master of Beethoven Lodge No. 661 in New York in October 1882⁵. This is one of the earliest instances in which Dayton Lodge provided leadership in other Lodges.

January 19, 1861

A member of St. Johns Lodge was appointed by them to work with the Dayton Lodge committee to get working tools for the Master Mason Degree.

February 22, 1861

The Working Tools Committee had obtained a gavel.

June 7, 1861

A committee was formed to get rosewood gavels for the several Lodges to use.¹ In the *133rd ANNIVERSARY HISTORY* of Dayton Lodge, there is a general note that Dayton Lodge had received a rosewood gavel as a gift in the past. Among other gifts to Dayton Lodge is also a gavel made from “stone from the ruins of Solomon’s Temple with a handle of wood from the Cedars of Lebanon....”²

1861

The population of Dayton, Ohio passed the 20,000 mark³ and the dues of each of the 65 Dayton Lodge members was \$1.50⁴.

1862

Bro. B. N. Davis served as the Worshipful Master of Dayton Lodge for both 1862 and 1863. The *Dayton Daily News* article reporting his death on June 10, 1899 stated that he was of the firm of Evans & Davis, who owned the Buckeye Cornice Works. He was then “a well known member of Reed Commandery, Knights Templar...” and was buried under their auspices⁵.

June 12, 1862

Dayton Lodge and others celebrated St. John’s Day, at this time, via excursions. On this date, the committee reported that the current trip would be to Sandusky, Put-in-Bay, and Kelly’s Island on Lake Erie. The 1863 trip would be to Niagara Falls, New York, as further records show.⁶

February 12, 1863

Dayton Lodge Minutes relate that the brethren had “donated \$11.00 for the aid of the widow of a former member. From the \$11.00, the Treasurer was instructed to buy a barrel of flour and give the widow \$5.00. Should she need it, she was to be given \$5.00 more.”

The Minutes record further Lodge charity on March 26, 1863 and November 12, 1863 when Bro. Henry Kissinger was reimbursed a total of \$2.50 for schoolbooks for the children of Mrs. Francis.⁷

February 17, 1863

The Funeral Service for Bro. J. D. Bacon, a member of Osborne Lodge at his death, illustrates the Lodge funeral customs of the 1860’s. They were quite different from the 1990’s service, which is normally read or recited at the Viewing.

After meeting at the Masonic Hall, “The procession, accompanied by a brass band, went to Bro. Bacon’s home and took the body to the Raper Chapel. The Dayton Lodge Chaplain then gave a discourse. Bro. Bacon was then taken to Woodland Cemetery for burial.”⁸

March 24, 1864 (W. M.: Christian G. Emrick)

Messers. Samuel Koogler and Timothy Munger received the Entered Apprentice Degrees. These two Civil War Privates then received their Fellowcraft Degrees on April 14, 1864 and their Master Mason Degrees on April 28, 1864⁹.

Although the Civil War of War Between the States was a significant matter in the events outside of the Lodge room, almost no mention is made of it in Lodge Minutes. Dayton Lodge members who served in the Union army have been located by chance in examinations of the Dayton Lodge *Ledger*; which lists various types of information regarding members though approximately 1869, and other sources.

The following table lists the currently known members of Dayton Lodge who served in the Civil War:

Brother	Regiment	Notes
Oscar M. Gottschall ¹⁰	93d Ohio Volunteer Infantry	W. M. 1873-4
Joseph Holmes ¹¹	93d Ohio Volunteer Infantry	
Edward A. King ^{12, 13}	6 th U. S. Infantry	
Samuel Koogler ¹⁴	44 th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, 8 th Ohio Volunteer Cavalry	
Timothy Munger ¹⁵	44 th Ohio Volunteer Infantry, 8 th Ohio Volunteer Cavalry	
James Monfort Weaver	93d Ohio Volunteer Infantry	W. M. 1883
Edwin A. Parrott ¹⁷⁻¹⁹	1st Ohio Volunteer Infantry	W. M. 1857-9, 1861

December 8, 1864

Bro. Christian G. Emrick, W. M., made a motion that officers missing no more than three meetings per year be exempt from paying dues.²⁰ Dayton Lodge Minutes from this general era show that Lodge meetings occurred all during the year, with no summer break. Perhaps the motion was made in the response to the effects of so many meetings.

W. Bro. Emrick served as Master for the years 1864-1867. He was elected Worshipful Master of Mystic Lodge No. 405 when it was formed²¹.

December 28, 1868

The new Masonic Hall, located on the third floor of the Phillips Building was dedicated. This building, the third home of Dayton Lodge, was located at the southeast corner of Second and Main Streets; a site now occupied by the Kettering Tower. "The officers of the Grand Lodge participated in the Dedication ceremonies." Included, was M. W. Bro. Howard Matthews, Grand Master²².

May 10, 1869

The first transcontinental railroad across the United States was completed when the "Golden Spike" was driven at Promontory, Utah. This ceremony completed the work of the Central Pacific and Union Pacific Railroads.

October 10, 1871 (W. M.: P. JoHantgen)

Members of St. Johns, Dayton, and Mystic Lodges met informally to consider aid for Masonic victims of the Chicago Fire, which had occurred October 8-10, 1871. Bros. Allen Jeffers, Wm. Seely, and L. G. Whitaker were appointed to solicit aid in Dayton Lodge. The brethren of Dayton Lodge donated \$214.00 by the time of the next meeting, two days later on October 12¹.

February 8, 1872 (W. M.: P. JoHantgen)

The By-Laws of Dayton Lodge were amended to (1) set annual dues at \$3.00 and, (2) set Lifetime dues at \$15.00².

August 29, 1872

Our Bro. James D. Morrison died. Bro. Morrison was born June 7, 1826 near Ellicott's Mills, Maryland. He then moved to Dayton in 1865, where he worked as a butcher and a bookkeeper. He soon made his mark in Dayton, as he was elected Mayor in April 1870; a post which he held until April 1872³.

The *Dayton Daily Journal* article covering his funeral reported a strong Masonic presence. In part, the article states that, "The Masonic Fraternity, of which he was a member, turned out in procession, dressed in regalia of the Order, and preceded by the Knights Templar Band, marched from the residence to the Raper Chapel...." Following the services there, where Rev. P. M. Weddell, delivered the sermon, the body was taken in a procession to Woodland Cemetery where "the remains were interred with the impressive ceremonies of the Masonic Order"⁴.

October 21, 1872

Dayton Lodge No. 147 celebrated its 25th Anniversary. The activities included a reading of the Minutes of the first meeting of Dayton Lodge. Bro. Gustav Bergman was then raised to the degree of Master Mason. Following this, a banquet was held.

Part of the banquet included a series of six toasts. Among them, the first celebrated the 25th Anniversary of Dayton Lodge. The fourth was dedicated to St. Johns Lodge No. 13, our "alma mater." The sixth toast was dedicated to "The Surviving Charter Members of Dayton Lodge." The three surviving brethren then gave a response: Joseph T. Reed, W. W. Wolf, and D. C. Spinning. (Note: Bro. D. C. Spinning's history in Dayton Lodge is quite confusing. Although he signed the Charter Petition to form Dayton Lodge, he elected to withdraw from Dayton Lodge by the May 13, 1847 meeting. He is later listed as both a member and a visitor in Dayton Lodge. As the result of the uncertainty of his status when the Charter was issued October 21, 1847, his name has been omitted from the list of Charter Members. Bro. Spinning's activities are explored in more detail in the writer's paper, "A Report on The Charter Members, Grand Lodge Officer Charter Signers, and Charter Date of Dayton Lodge No. 147, F.&A.M.," dated March 20, 1997.)

Bro. Allen Jeffers concluded the festivities with a recitation of the "'Poem of Mrs. Mehitable Bird,' who wanted to become a Mason."⁵

1873-1874

Bro. Oscar M. Gottschall served as the Worshipful Master of Dayton Lodge for these years. When he died on September 16, 1916, the *Dayton Daily News* described his civic life in a page one article.

Bro. Gottschall was an attorney for 50 years in our area. specializing in Corporate Law, "He had practiced in every court from the United States supreme court down.... Perhaps no teacher ever meant more to his pupils than attorney Gottschall. This was because of his kindly, unselfish, devoted treatment of them.... He gave them cases which would mean much to their future if they won them in court."

He was a delegate to the 1916 Republican national convention in Chicago. It was his honor to be "a member of the committee which notified Charles Evans Hughes of his selection as the party's standard-bearer for presidential office."

1873-1874 (continued)

Bro. Gottschall was a member of the 93d Ohio Volunteer Infantry, a Dayton, Ohio-raised unit, during the Civil War or the War Between the States. He received a commendation for bravery at the Battle of Missionary Ridge, which took place at Chattanooga, Tennessee.

The newspaper article concludes with the statement that, "He was a thirty-second degree Mason, and a member of all the Masonic honors."⁶

June 25, 1876

General George Armstrong Custer and the men of the Seventh Cavalry died at the Little Big Horn River in Montana as the result of a battle with Chief Sitting Bull and the Sioux Indians.

1878

The telephone came to Dayton, Ohio. The Beckel House, a hotel built by Bro. Daniel Beckel, one of our Charter members, was one of the ten subscribers.⁷

October 21, 1879

"Thomas Edison invented a workable electric light."⁸

December 16, 1879

Bro. Stith M. Sullivan of Dayton Lodge received his 33^o.⁹

December 22, 1879

M. W. Bro. R. C. Lemmon, Grand Master, officiated at the dedication of the new Masonic Hall, the fourth home of Dayton Lodge. The new Hall was located on the third and fourth floors of the Pruden Building. This building, located at the southeast corner of Fifth and Main Streets, is now the site of the Dayton Convention center.

Reed Commandery had leased the space and then rented to the other Masonic bodies. Reed Commandery paid \$3000 to outfit the new Hall. The remaining expense of \$2000 was shared by St. Johns Lodge No. 13; Dayton Lodge No. 147; Mystic Lodge No. 405; Unity Chapter No. 16, R.A.M.; and Reese Council No. 9, R.&S.M.

Dayton Lodge Worshipful Master R. D. Hughes "was placed in charge of appointing all the committees involved in dedicating the new facilities." The following evening, Bro. Alfred Pruden, the owner of the building, was raised to the degree of Master Mason. This was the first work performed in the new Hall.¹⁰

June 23, 1881 (W. M.: R. D. Hughes)

Bro. Sylvester Bennett Hurlburt received his Master Mason Degree in Dayton Lodge. In August 1881, Bro. Hurlburt did his first Masonic organ work; a task he would continue for 65 years for many Masonic bodies. He was also an organist for various churches in the city. His organ training included studies in Germany.

Bro. Hurlburt was a member of both the York and Scottish Rites. In the Scottish Rite, he directed music. He also organized and conducted the Scottish Rite Male and Mixed Choirs. He received his 33° on September 21, 1920.¹

February 13, 1882

The electric light was demonstrated for the first time in Dayton, Ohio. This occurred at the *Journal* (newspaper) building. Fifty arc lamps were then used to light city streets a year later on February 16, 1883 as “Dayton was one of the first cities in Ohio to light its streets with electricity.”²

1883

Bro. James Monfort Weaver served Dayton Lodge as its Worshipful Master in 1883. His biography in the *Centennial Portrait and Biographical Record of The City of Dayton and of Montgomery County, Ohio (1897)* provides us with considerable information about him. Born April 9, 1838, the *Centennial* says of his education, “He then attended academic school some two years, and taught school one winter.” He did, however, graduate in 1861 from the Medical Department of Western Reserve College.

Bro. Weaver then served as Assistant Surgeon and later Surgeon of the 93d Ohio Volunteer Infantry during the Civil War.³ His listing in the *Official Roster* for Ohio Civil war soldiers relates that he was captured September 20, 1863 during the Battle of Chickamauga (Georgia). He was returned to his regiment in November of 1863, however.⁴

Following the war, in 1874, Bro. Weaver was appointed Surgeon to the Central Branch of the National Soldiers’ Home at Dayton, Ohio. He continued in this position until 1880, when he moved to Dayton. In Dayton, he was a Surgeon and General Practitioner. He was also elected to the Dayton Board of Education.

Bro. Weaver’s Masonic memberships included the following: Dayton Lodge No. 147; Unity Chapter No. 16, R.A.M.; Reese Council No. 9, R.&S.M.; and Reed Commandery No. 6, K.T. Also, Bro. Weaver received the 132 South Main Street Temple when it was presented by Bro. J. Russell Johnston of the Masonic Temple Company⁶.

1884

Bro. Allen Jeffers served as the Worshipful Master of Dayton Lodge in both 1884 and 1885. It was said of him that “He had a personality distinctly his own. He imitated none, and no one could imitate him.” He voluntarily retired from his business as a shoe merchant at a young age.

Bro. Jeffers was active in all of the York Rite and Scottish Rite bodies. He was elected Eminent Commander in Reed Commandery No. 6, K.T. at age 76. In addition, he was a Charter Member of the bodies of the Scottish Rite, Valley of Dayton. He received the 33° September 21, 1887.

He was elected Superintendent of the Masonic Temple on April 2, 1872 and held that post until his death 28 years later on May 16, 1900⁷.

July 4, 1884

The Statue of Liberty was presented to the United States of America by France.

1886-1887

Bro. William Bellville Anderson served Dayton Lodge as its Worshipful Master in 1886 and 1887.

Bro. Anderson was born on January 30, 1856 in Centerville, Ohio. He was elected Secretary of the Buckeye Iron & Brass Works in 1877. He also served as the first President of the Dayton Fan & Motor Company.

“Prominently connected” with the Ohio State Militia, he was a “member of the Harries Guard during the strike in the Jackson county coal fields....He also served a three month term on the Board of Police Commissioners.

Bro. Anderson was a member of Dayton Lodge No. 147; Unity Chapter No. 16, R.A.M.; and Reese Council No. 9, R.&S.M.⁸ He served as Most Illustrious Grandmaster of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters.⁹ He received his 33^o on September 19, 1905.¹⁰

1888

The streets of Dayton, Ohio began to be paved when part of Fifth Street received granite blocks. The granite blocks replaced gravel¹¹.

November 11, 1889

Montana became the 41st state of the United States of America.

1894

The Brother serving Dayton Lodge as its Worshipful Master in 1894 was Benjamin Franklin Hershey. He was born on August 11, 1853 in Medway, Ohio. Passing the Bar Exam in June 1884, he functioned as a lawyer for many years in the Dayton area. He was honored with a Barrister Dinner for his distinguished record of over 50 years of service to the Montgomery County legal profession.

During his life, he was also a schoolteacher and the President of both the Dayton and Oakwood, Ohio School Boards. His public service also included work on a committee to improve the Dayton police administration.

Bro. Benjamin Hershey received his Master Mason Degree in Dayton Lodge on June 29, 1889. He was a member of both the Scottish Rite and the York Rite. Indeed, in 1907, he became a Charter Member of Dayton Consistory. He received his 33^o on September 16, 1919¹.

1895-1896

Bro. Harry Coleman, Worshipful Master of Dayton Lodge for 1895 and 1896, was born June 5, 1850 near Waldo, Ohio. When he came to Dayton, he took a job, in 1868, as a teamster for the Klee Bottling Works. He was then in the lumber business until the 1890's when fires put him out of operation. Bro. Coleman and Gabriel Durst, a brother of Bro. John W. Durst, were in business together at the Dayton Farm Implement Company.

Bro. Harry Coleman was Initiated an Entered Apprentice in Dayton Lodge on November 11, 1886. Continuing on in Masonry, he belonged to all York Rite and Scottish Rite bodies. He served as a Trustee of Reed Commandery No. 6, K. T., from 1895 until his death on September 29, 1930. He was also the President of the Masonic Temple Company from 1910 until his death.

Bro. Coleman shared of his purse. He sent oranges from Florida to be passed out to the Brethren at Lodge meetings. Oranges were, at that time, uncommon in the North.

His will provided a large sum for Dayton Lodge². The Lodge received the fund from his estate in 1961. Our Trustees, in 1981, elected to use the income from the fund to pay the dues of Brethren who had been members for 50 years or more. The Trustees, in 1984, decided to pay for flower expenditures from the fund³.

1896

Dayton, Ohio celebrated its 100th Anniversary.

January 4, 1896

Utah was admitted as the 45th state of the United States of America.

April 11, 1898

Bro. A. A. Allen was granted a Life Membership Certificate after having paid the required \$15.00 fee⁴.

August 11, 1898

The fees of Dayton Lodge were changed to the following: Entered Apprentice Degree-\$20.00, Fellowcraft Degree-\$15.00, and Master Mason Degree-\$15.00. In addition, the Annual Dues were raised to \$4.00. Finally, a motion concerning Lifetime Dues was tabled until after the upcoming Grand Lodge at which they were to be discussed.⁵

The Secretary's Annual Report stated that there were 176 Lifetime Membership certificates in force in Dayton Lodge. This represented 58 percent of the 306 Master Masons in goodstanding in the Lodge.⁶

January 12, 1899

The By-Laws of Dayton Lodge were amended to read “Any member, not in arrears for dues, who shall pay into the treasury of this lodge the sum of (\$25.00) twenty-five dollars shall be forever exempt from the payment of dues....

Also at this meeting, Worshipful Master H. T. Kincaid, appointed Bros. J. C. Turner, Secretary, and Bro. J. A. Wortman as a committee of two “to confer with Mystic Lodge relative to purchasing a strip of ground adjoining the Masonic lot in Woodland Cemetery”⁷. St. Johns Lodge No. 13, itself, owned the Masonic lot, but all three Lodges- St. Johns Lodge No. 13, Dayton Lodge No. 147, and Mystic Lodge No. 405- used it as was previously mentioned in the Dayton Minutes of April 22, 1898⁸.

The Cemetery Committee, having met with Mystic Lodge members, recommended the purchase of the adjoining lot. A resolution was made and passed for the joint purchase with Mystic Lodge. The purchase price was \$201⁹.

The original Masonic lot is located in the northwest corner of Section 70 according to a Section map obtained from the Woodland Cemetery office in November 1996. This lot bears the name “St. Johns Masonic Lodges F.&A.M.” The plot purchased in 1899 is a long, narrow strip of land located in the northeast corner of Section 69, which is next to Section 70. The 1899 purchase is labeled “Dayton & Mystic Lodges, F.&A.M.”

1900

Dayton, Ohio reached a population of 85,000 and had an area of 11.12 square miles. The average employee worked 55 to 60 hours per week and earned \$9. The typical rent for a seven room home was \$12.50 per month¹.

During this year Bro. Isaac Kinsey served as the Worshipful Master of Dayton Lodge. He was born on November 3, 1860 in Cincinnati, Ohio and came to Dayton in 1894. In Dayton, Bro. Kinsey became the General Manager of the Stove Department of The Dayton Manufacturing Company. In 1899, he created the Kinsey Manufacturing Company, which made sheet metal products. These products were primarily automotive parts.

He moved his plant to Toledo, Ohio in 1899 and later consolidated it with the Willys-Overland Company. Bro. Kinsey became a Vice President of the Willys-Overland Company and held the post until his death on December 20, 1923.

Bro. Isaac Kinsey received his Master Mason Degree in Dayton Lodge March 6, 1896. A member of both the Scottish and York Rites, he was a Charter Member of Dayton Consistory in 1907. On September 21, 1909, Bro. Kinsey received his 33^o.

He was elected the first Worshipful Master of Barton Smith Lodge U. D.-later No. 613-in 1912. Finally, he served as the Most Worshipful Grandmaster of Masons in Ohio during 1919².

1902 (W. M.: V. C. Ricker)

Construction began on the Arcade. The building is said to be patterned after an Amsterdam, Holland Guild Hall³. The Arcade then opened in 1904⁴.

December 10, 1903

Seven days before the first flight of the Wright Brothers at Kill Devil Hill, North Carolina, Bro. Joseph Adolph Wortman was installed as the Worshipful Master of Dayton Lodge for 1904.

Bro. Wortman was born September 11, 1863 in Berlin, Germany and came to America at the age of five. In Dayton, he was the Valedictorian of his class at Central High School. He was to practice law in Dayton for 56 years⁵.

A portion of Brother Wortman's time was spent in the political arena. He was a mayoral candidate in Dayton in the Spring of 1891. When the votes were counted, he led by two votes. Unfortunately, for him, when the votes were recounted, he lost by two votes!⁶

Active in both the Scottish Rite and York Rite, Bro. Wortman was nominated as the first High Priest of Victory Chapter No. 210, R.A.M.; which Chapter he had helped to form. He was also a Charter Member of Dayton Consistory in 1907. He received his 33^o September 17, 1929⁷. In addition, he also served as the Grand Commander of Ohio, Knights Templar⁸.

April 26, 1906

M. W. Bro. L. P. Schaus, Grandmaster, asked the Lodges to contribute to the relief of distressed brethren affected by the April 18 earthquake and fire in San Francisco. Dayton Lodge, on April 26, confirmed the action of Bro. George G. G. Peckham, Worshipful Master, and the Trustees, who had sent \$100.00 to California⁹.

Bro. Peckham was born in Troy, Ohio and came to Dayton in 1892. He incorporated his Peckham Carriage Company in 1901. This company sold "buggies, phaetons, surreys, (and) wagons...." In 1902, he added automobiles to his stock. Bro. Peckham was selling the following automobiles by 1905: Pope-Toledo, Packard, White Steamer, Cadillac, and Waverly. The last of these, the Waverly, was an electric-powered vehicle¹⁰.

April 26, 1906 (continued)

Bro. Peckham had other commercial interests, which included the Peckham Coal and Ice Company in Troy, Ohio. As for Dayton, Ohio he had a well-known “interest in the general industrial and commercial welfare of the city....” His business life was profiled in an August 23, 1905 *Dayton Daily Journal* article¹¹.

November 16, 1907

Oklahoma was admitted as the 46th state of the United States of America.

November 17, 1907

Bro. Harry Franklin Schiewetz, born June 28, 1884, was raised to the degree of Master Mason. At his death October 13, 1983, his obituary stated that he had served as Postmaster for the city of Dayton, President and Board Chairman of Homestead Loan and Savings Association, Board Member of Memorial Park Cemetery, and President of the Dayton Downtown Kiwanis Club.

Bro. Schiewetz was a member of both the York and Scottish Rites¹² and received his 33^o on September 23, 1959¹³.

November 19, 1907

Dayton Lodge moved to its fifth home, as the former Lutheran church at 132 S. Main Street was dedicated. The *Dayton Herald* for Tuesday, November 19, carried the headline “MASONS OF DAYTON DEDICATE THEIR HANDSOME NEW HOME.” Bro. J. Russell Johnston, representing the Masonic Temple Company, presented the new building to Dr. John M. Weaver, Past Master of Dayton Lodge (1883), who received it on behalf of “the Dayton (Ohio) craft.”¹⁴

The Worshipful master of Dayton Lodge for 1907 was Bro. Paul J. Wortman, also the biological brother of Bro. Joseph A. Wortman, who had been Master in 1904. The page one *Dayton Daily News* article reporting his September 15, 1962 death stated that Bro. Paul was a “veteran Dayton school board member, lawyer and former Montgomery County prosecutor....” In addition, he was the founder and first President of the National School Boards Association in 1938.

Bro. Paul Wortman was also a formidable chess player. He won the 1931 Dayton-Montgomery County championship in 1931 with “26 straight victories....” Further, he was “once ranked fourth in the nation as a correspondence (chess) player.”¹⁵

1910

Bro. William Broadwell Sullivan served as the Worshipful Master of Dayton Lodge. He was born February 13, 1856, the eldest son of Bro. Stith M. Sullivan. Bro. William Sullivan graduated from Dayton's Central High School in 1873 and Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania, in 1878. He then worked in the law office of Gunckel and Rowe. Bro. Sullivan was admitted to the Bar in 1880.

Bro. Sullivan was appointed Police Judge in 1904 to fill out a term. He was then elected to a three-year term. Following this, he returned to private practice.

Bro. William B. Sullivan served as the Secretary of Dayton Lodge for many years. He was both a Scottish Rite and York Rite Mason. He received his 33° September 18, 1906. He died January 5, 1929¹.

December 14, 1911

Bro. John W. Durst presented a Bible to Dayton Lodge. This Bible is the one currently used on the altar of our Lodge. With his characteristic modesty, he had Bro. Ezra M. Kuhns present it on his behalf, although he himself was present. It is known that Bro. Durst was present since he received the ballots for the annual Election of Officers that evening².

1911

Bro. William Douglas Blaik served as the Worshipful Master of Dayton Lodge for the year of 1911. He was born in Edinburgh, Scotland April 10, 1869 and later worked as a blacksmith, merchant, and builder of fine homes. In his civic life, Bro. Blaik served as President of the Board of Education. He also served as Trustee, Treasurer, and Elder of the Forrest Avenue Presbyterian Church. As an aside, one of his children, Col. Earl H. Blaik, was a football coach at the West Point military academy³.

Bro. Blaik began his Masonic activities in Oriental Lodge No. 240 in Detroit, Michigan. He came to Ohio in 1897 and dimitted to Dayton Lodge⁴.

W. Bro. George L. Coleman, District Lecturer, 2nd Masonic District, selected Bro. Blaik to oversee the formation of a new Lodge in 1912. Bro. Blaik accepted on the condition that he was to choose the name of the new Lodge. He had planned to name the new Lodge John W. Durst in recognition of that Mason's efforts on behalf of Dayton Lodge and "the whole Masonic Fraternity." The honoree, however, "modestly refused." The name Stillwater was then selected from a list.

Bro. Blaik, as the Worshipful master of the new Lodge, obtained his officers and enough members to conduct business from members who dimitted from the following Dayton, Ohio Lodges: St. Johns Lodge No. 13-1, Dayton Lodge No. 147-16, Mystic Lodge No. 405-3. He was able to get 105 petitions through newspaper announcements and Saturday meetings⁵.

In his other Masonic activities, Bro. Blaik served as Commander of Reed Commandery No. 6, K. T., in 1914 and as the second High Priest of Victory Chapter No. 210, R.A.M., in 1920. He received his 33° September 29, 1937⁶.

January 6, 1912

New Mexico was admitted as the 47th state of the United States of America.

January 23, 1912

Bro. John W. Durst presented Dayton Lodge a check for \$1000 to start the John W. Durst Banquet Fund. This amount was to be invested at about 5 percent. The interest was to provide annual dinners for the officers and workers. His original note, which accompanied the check, also provided that any excess "be divided equally with the cooks and waiters that serve this dinner...."⁷

January 23, 1912 (continued)

Bro. Durst followed his initial check with \$1000 on January 15, 1913, \$3000 on March 28, 1918, and \$2500 on January 23, 1930. The fund stood at \$14,000.00 at the May 25, 1939 meeting of Dayton Lodge Trustees, Treasurer, Secretary, and Worshipful Master. At this meeting, a Declaration of Trust was recorded regarding the Banquet Fund⁸.

February 14, 1912

Arizona was admitted as the 48th state of the United States of America.

April 15, 1912

The ocean liner Titanic sank at 1:50 A. M. after colliding with an iceberg.

January 23, 1913

The John W. Durst Flower Fund was established⁹.

March 13, 1913

Bro. Howard P. Marshall, Worshipful Master, "called a Special Meeting for the purpose of conferring the Master Mason Degree and the Annual Inspection." Apparently, the rains that preceded "the flood on the night of March 24 and the day of March 25 prevented the previously scheduled work and Inspection." The flood disrupted the activities at the Masonic Temple for the next Dayton Lodge Minutes are dated May 19, 1913.

The May 19 Minutes make no reference to the Great Flood. The June 12 Minutes, however, "state that the Worshipful Master appointed a committee consisting of Bros. Harry Coleman, W. H. Boyd, and B. F. Hershey to write a resolution of thanks to the Masonic Relief Committee for the help given to the members of Dayton Lodge No. 147." Dayton Lodge records show that none of its members...died during the flood."¹⁰

August 15, 1914

The first ocean steamer passed through the Panama Canal¹¹.

December 10, 1914

The 1915 Officers, headed by Bro. Howard S. Smith, were installed by M. W. Bro. George L. Marshall, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. John R. Flotron, Grand Marshall. The Bible upon which the officers were obligated had been given to the Grand Lodge in 1846 "and upon which all Grand Lodge officers are obligated."¹²

February 17, 1915

M. W. Bro. George L. Marshall, Grand Master, was present for the Annual Inspection of Dayton Lodge. Also present was Dayton Lodge member Bro. Edward Andrew Deeds, who discussed the work and plans of the Flood Prevention Committee¹³.

Bro. Deeds assumed a leadership role in the prevention of future flooding in the area soon after the 1913 flood. He was the President and a member of the Board of Directors of the Miami Conservancy District by 1915¹⁴. Bro. Deeds built and gave to the Miami Conservancy District their home at 38 E. Monument Ave. He required only that the Conservancy District care for and maintain the building¹⁵.

Bro. Deeds and Charles F. Kettering organized the Dayton Engineering Laboratories, which came to be known as DELCO. DELCO developed electrical starting, lighting and ignition equipment for automobiles. The two men also organized the Engineers Club of Dayton¹⁶.

February 17, 1915 (continued)

Further, Bro. Deeds was a longtime friend of Orville Wright. Fascinated by the possibilities of aviation, Bro. Deeds also foresaw the coming of the Great War, World War I. He felt that the United States should be prepared “especially in the air.” Serving as Chief of Aircraft Procurement, he received the rank of Colonel, which went with the position¹⁷.

Bro. Deeds, Charles F. Kettering, and H. E. Talbot set up the Dayton-Wright Airplane Company. Orville Wright served as the Chief Engineer. This company “built the only warplanes made in America for World War I”¹⁸.

Bro. E. A. Deeds received his Master Mason Degree in Center Star Lodge No. 11, Granville, Ohio, in 1895 and dimitted to Dayton Lodge No. 147 May 25, 1905. He was a member of Unity Chapter No. 16, R.A.M., and Reed Commandery No. 6, K. T. Bro. Deeds received his 33° September 19, 1916¹⁹.

1916

Dayton, Ohio reached a population of 140,000. Ninety-five of its 280 miles of streets were paved²⁰.

Bro. Warren C. Deem served as the Worshipful Master of Dayton Lodge during 1916. Born June 18, 1873, he moved to Dayton from Eaton, Ohio in 1902. He was involved in the Real Estate business for 40 years. He was a Charter Member and served as the President of the Dayton Real Estate Board.

Bro. Deem received his Master Mason Degree March 29, 1900 in King Hiram Lodge No. 88, West Alexandria, Ohio. He affiliated with Dayton Lodge April 23, 1903. Bro. Deem served as our Treasurer from January 1922 until his death April 9, 1943; a period of over 21 years.

Bro. Deem was a member of both the Scottish and York Rites. He received his 33° September 24, 1941²¹.

April 6, 1917

The U. S. Congress declared the entry of the United States of America into the Great War, World War I.

1917

Bro. Joseph Edward McAdams served as the Worshipful Master of Dayton Lodge in 1917. He was born November 11, 1880 in Worthington, Indiana. After coming to Dayton, he became a Toolmaker at the National Cash Register Company, N.C.R. He “became an associate of Charles ‘Boss’ Kettering and E. A. Deeds.” At N.C.R., he made many of the parts which went into the automobile self-starter which Kettering patented around 1910.

Bro. McAdams was a principle organizer of the Dayton Horse Show Association, which is associated with the Shriners. He also aided in the organizing of Horace A. Irvin Lodge No. 647 in 1919 and served as its first Worshipful Master. He received his 33° September 20, 1921²².

1918

One specific example of things outside the Lodge affecting Lodge activities, was the worldwide Influenza epidemic of 1918, which caused more than 20 million deaths²³. It was known as the Spanish Influenza. The Masonic Temple Company in Dayton recommended that “public Lodge, Commandery, (and) Scottish Rite funerals be restricted as far as possible during (the) closing of the schools, churches, amusement halls, etc., now being enforced by the Department of Public Health”²⁴.

1918 (continued)

May 15, 1918

Bro. John William Durst, who was serving as the Worshipful Master of Dayton Lodge in 1918, also celebrated his 40th anniversary as a Mason on May 15. "The Committee in charge of arrangements, in keeping with the spirit of the times, devised a most patriotic decoration, the most distinctive feature being the canopy formed by the massive American flag which had been presented to the Fraternity by Brother Durst." Speakers of the evening included Most Worshipful Grand Master Hagelbarger as well as Past Grand Masters George L. Marshall and Horace A. Irvin. Also speaking were Bro. John L. Flotron, Grand Lodge Officer and Past Master of Mystic Lodge; Bro. William D. Blaik, Past Master of Dayton and Stillwater Lodges; and Bro. William B. Sullivan, Past Master of Dayton Lodge. M. W. Bro. Hagelbarger included in his address encouragement "to greater Masonic effort in the performance of their duties in the world crisis (World War I). "Brother Durst was presented with a Composite Photograph of himself and the 24 Past Masters who preceded him in office...."²⁵

Jost Durst of Canton Clarus, Switzerland, who would be John's father, sailed to New Orleans, Louisiana in 1847. He then went to Germantown, Ohio, where John was born November 18, 1854. John Durst then moved to Dayton in 1857. He went into his father's elevator and milling business after attending Dayton Public Schools and Miami Business College. He served as President of the Durst Milling Company for 41 years.

Bro. Durst received his Master Mason Degree in Dayton Lodge December 16, 1878 and became a member of both the Scottish Rite and York Rite. He was a Charter Member of Dayton Consistory in 1907. Bro. John Durst received his 33^o September 16, 1919. Also, he was an I. O. O. F. member starting in 1876. "The keynote of John W. Durst's life was service."²⁶

November 11, 1918

World War I, known then as the "Great War," ended. Sixty-four brethren of Dayton Lodge had served in it. Their names are listed on a plaque located in the hallway near the Library of the Dayton Masonic Temple at 525 West Riverview Avenue. A representation of that plaque is shown on the following page.

March 15, 1919 (W. M.: William Marchant)

Fifty-nine Brethren signed a petition to form what would become Aero Lodge No. 648, F.&A.M. in Dayton, Ohio. This new Lodge was formed as the result of the growth of Masonic activity in the area. Using Dayton Lodge Minutes as an indicator of this activity, we see the following. Eleven Petitions were received December 12, 1918. The September 1, 1918-August 31, 1919 Annual Report lists 130 Initiations. At an all-day meeting held December 13, 1919, "Dayton Lodge conferred 52 Fellowcraft Degrees."

Five of the Aero Lodge petition signers were members of Dayton Lodge. These Brethren were: Herbert Frederick Glass, Clifford Allen Graybill, Raymond Runyon Sanders, Virgil Schaeffer, and Norman Conrad Weiffenbach²⁷. Bro. Schaeffer, a local lawyer, would serve as the Worshipful Master of Aero Lodge in 1924 and as its Treasurer from 1927 through 1950²⁸.

April 22, 1919

Horace A. Irvin Lodge U. D. received the Dispensation for its 66 Brethren. Aero Lodge U. D. would then receive the Dispensation for its 59 Brethren May 19²⁹.

October 15, 1919

Horace A. Irvin Lodge No. 647 received its Charter. Aero Lodge No. 648 would receive its Charter the following day, October 16³⁰.

U. S. HONOR ROLL	
ERECTED IN HONOR OF THE MEMBERS OF DAYTON LODGE NO. 147 F. & A. M. WHO RESPONDED TO THE CALL OF OUR COUNTRY IN THE WORLD WAR 1914-1918.	
EDWIN C. ABE	HARRY H. KLEIN
REUBEN W. BAESEMAN	HAROLD M. KLEPINGER
HENRY S. BLANK	EDWARD J. MAYL
LEWIS A. BLANK	R. RUSSEL MILLER
OTTO M. BLIZZARD	WALTER MILLER
WILLIAM H. BOSTWICK	FRED E. NOLTE
HAROLD W. BOYD	HARRY OLIVER
HENRY H. CHAMBERS	BENJAMIN H. OOLEY
WM. V. R. COON, JR.	ROBERT P. PAUL
CARLOS DeLEON	HOWARD G. PETERSON
EDWARD E. DUNCAN	CHARLES B. POPENOE
CHARLES B. DURST	HORACE C. L. RODGERS
ANDREW C. ELDER	PAUL L. RUTH
HERMAN M. ERTLE	WARREN W. SANFORD
HARRY W. FAUVER	HERBERT J. SCHIEWETZ
E. G. FARNSWORTH	FRANK S. SCHINDLER
WILLIAM O. FINE	RUSSEL C. SCHLAFMAN
ROBERT EVAN FLOYD	WM. O. SCHLEINITZ
GEORGE C. GIBBONY	JAMES W. SKELTON
JOHN B. GRAYBILL	BENJAMIN R. STAUFFER
WILLIAM P. GRAYBILL	RUSSEL L. STORCK
JOHN HAMBRECHT	HARRY A. SLUSSER
BENJAMIN F. HART	ALLEN L. STOWELL
ROBERT E. HARWOOD	JAMES G. STRACHAN*
PETER C. HERR	HUGH P. THOMPSON
RICHARD F. HERR	DON R. WEBER
CHARLES W. HOWE	FLOYD WILSON
DONALD D. HUGHES	EDWARD B. WISE
WALDEMAN J. HUHNS	CARL F. WOESSNER
ALFRED E. JAMES*	PAUL J. WORTMAN
MAX M. KAHN	ELMER E. YOST
EDWARD A. DEEDS	JOHN D. WONDER
WE WILL TREASURE THEIR NAMES IN OUR MEMORIES AND RECORD THEIR VIRTUES IN OUR HEARTS ³¹ .	

- Two names were followed by a star, *.
 1. Alfred E. James- The *Official Roster* of veterans of World War I states that he was honorably discharged June 6, 1918³². His *Lodge Petition Record* then states that he died October 22, 1918.
 2. James G. Strachan- The *Official Roster* states that James C. Strachan died December 7, 1918 of pneumonia³³. It is assumed that the difference in middle initials is a misprint in the *Official Roster* and that the person was the Dayton Lodge member. The *Official Roster* listed pneumonia as a cause of death for many WWI soldiers.

April 27, 1920

The petition to form what would be Miami Valley Lodge No. 660, F.&A.M. was read in Mystic Lodge No. 405. Bro. Karl C. Bogart, a member of Dayton Lodge No. 147 was to be the Senior Warden of the new Lodge¹.

1922

Bro. Charles Clifford Snyder served as the Worshipful Master of Dayton Lodge. Born July 18, 1878, he attended the Ohio Normal School and the Cincinnati Law School. Bro. Snyder served the local community as a member and President of the Board of Education. He received his 33^o September 23, 1939².

October 7, 1922

He 75th Anniversary of the founding of Dayton Lodge was celebrated. A Special Communication was opened at 2:00 P. M. and the Entered Apprentice Degree was conferred on one candidate, Mr. Oliver G. Fricke. After this, personal reminiscences were heard from the Brethren including: Horace A. Irvin, George L. Marshall, William B. Anderson, and George Condit. Bro. Marion Murphy of Cincinnati, Ohio then presented a Masonic Address. "Special music was then rendered by our beloved organist Sylvester Hurlburt...In the evening the members and their ladies assembled at Memorial Hall and were there entertained, enjoying dancing and a delightful buffet lunch."³

April 19, 1923

Dayton Lodge passed a resolution which (1) thanked the Dayton Consistory, A. A. S. R., for their gift of land for a new Temple site and (2) pledged Masonic and financial support for the project⁴.

The 132 S. Main Street Temple had at its 1907 Dedication been intended as one to serve Masonry for many years. By the time Bro. William H. Cook became Master in 1923, however, the building had become inadequate. The 1908 *Temple Directory* listed Blue Lodge membership at 1471. The 1923 *Directory* listed 5090. Dayton Lodge, during the same period, had gone from 442 to 1163 members⁵.

May 28, 1924 (W. M.: Francis J. Dodds)

Bro. Harry Coleman, P. M., was appointed as the Dayton Lodge representative to the Masonic Temple Association. This group had recently been formed to oversee the efforts to build the new Temple, our current one⁶.

July 20, 1925 (W. M.: Paul L. Ruth)

The Groundbreaking for the new Temple took place. W. Bro. Harry Coleman, shown in the newspaper picture at the controls of a derrick, was accorded the honor of digging the first load of earth⁷.

April 26, 1926

The cornerstone of the new Temple was laid. A large procession moved from Memorial Hall around the downtown area arriving at the site of the new building. Bro. R. Fred Fackler, Master of Dayton Lodge, along with the Worshipful Masters of the other Lodges in Dayton, carried the copper box containing the Masonic historical records to be put into the cornerstone⁸.

May 20-21, 1927

Charles A. Lindbergh flew across the Atlantic Ocean, from New York to Paris, France, in his Ryan Monoplane, the Spirit of St. Louis.

October 27, 1927

Bro. Walter M. Andrews, Worshipful Master, announced that this was the last meeting of Dayton Lodge as well as the last meeting in the 132 S. Main Street Temple. Secretary C. F. Mitchell's Minutes show that 144 Brethren were present.

October 27, 1927 (continued)

In the local community, Bro. Andrews served as the Personnel Director of the Dayton Power and Light Company. His Masonic interests also included the Scottish and York Rites. He was a member of Victory Chapter No. 210, R.A.M. He was, in addition, a member of Victory Chapter No. 410, O.E.S. (Order of the Eastern Star)⁹.

November 3, 1927

Bro. Andrews announced that this was the first meeting to be held in the new, 525 W. Riverview Ave, Temple. Present for the meeting were 189 Brethren¹⁰.

April 3, 1928

Worshipful Master Wilcher L. Donley and 291 other Dayton Lodge Brethren attended the Dedication ceremonies of the new Temple¹¹. This Temple was the sixth home for Dayton Lodge.

Bro. Donley worked for 20 years at the Frigidaire Division of the General Motors Corporation; retiring at age 75. In Masonry, he was a member of the Scottish Rite and also served as the High Priest of Unity Chapter No. 16, R.A.M.¹²

April 21, 1928

All eight Dayton, Ohio Lodges held a Joint Inspection. The attendance was 2339¹³.

1929

The Master of Dayton Lodge was Bro. Frederick Earnshaw Hershey. Born April 17, 1893, he attended the Dayton Public Schools. He then attended Washington and Jefferson College, Ohio State University, and Harvard University.

Bro. Hershey was an officer in the 331st Regiment in France During World War I. Following this, he joined his father, Benjamin F. Hershey, Sr., W. M.-1894, in the law firm of Hershey and Hershey, where he worked for 39 years.

Bro. F. E. Hershey was a member of both the York and Scottish Rites and received his 33^o September 24, 1941. He served on the Board of Directors of the Dayton Masonic Temple Association from 1939 until his death May 5, 1956¹⁴.

October 29, 1929

This was "Black Tuesday," the beginning of the Great Depression. In the coming years, this event external to the Lodge would have serious effects inside it.

1930

The population of the city of Dayton reached 200,982¹.

November 20, 1930

Dayton Lodge approved a resolution that supported the Masonic Temple Employment Bureau. This bureau was to combat the unemployment problems brought on by the Great Depression. Bro. William Marchant, P. M.-1919, served as the Dayton Lodge representative².

1931

Bro. Benjamin Franklin Hershey, Jr. served as the Worshipful Master of Dayton Lodge. He was the son of Bro. Benjamin F. Hershey, Sr., W. M.-1894 and the brother of Bro. Frederick E. Hershey W. M.-1929.

Brother B. F. Hershey, Jr., born September 28, 1898, worked at the Fyr-Fyter Company for his entire industrial career. He was Vice President of the company at his retirement in 1966.

He served as a Trustee of Dayton Lodge from March 28, 1946 until his death February 9, 1971. A member of both the Scottish and York Rites, he received his 33^o September 24, 1941. He served as a Scottish Rite Trustee from September 10, 1951 until his death³.

April 12, 1931

The effects of the Great Depression were making themselves known within the Lodge. Dayton Lodge Minutes show that dues were remitted for 95 Brethren or 6.4 percent of its 1483 members⁴.

1933

Bro. Rollin Converse Gaylord was the Worshipful Master of Dayton Lodge. One of his forefathers, William Gaylord II, "came to the America in 1635, as a priest in the Episcopal Church, appointed by the King of England to preach to the colonies." Bro. Rollin's grandfather later "came to Ohio in a covered wagon."

Bro. Gaylord was born November 9, 1883 in Ashville, North Carolina. He began working for the City of Dayton as Assistant City Engineer in 1914. He remained in that position until his death February 13, 1946. He also served as a Board Member of the Office of Price Administration.

He received his Master Mason Degree in Dayton Lodge in April 1925. He was a member of both the Scottish and York Rites and received his 33^o September 26, 1945. His obituary in the Scottish Rite *Abstract* said of him that he was "quiet in disposition, not much in the way of conversation, but a staunch friend..."⁵

July 27, 1933

Dayton Lodge Minutes related that the Trustees were authorized to sell enough Lodge securities to meet the financial "deficiency" that had arisen. This "deficiency" was the result of the quantity of remitted dues and an increased amount spent for Grand Lodge dues, etc.⁶

1934

The first Soap Box Derby was held. This event took place on the Burkhardt Street hill in Dayton as 330 participants raced before 40,000 spectators⁷.

February 23, 1935 (W. M.: Edward W. Kershner)

Dayton Lodge held an Entertainment and Dance. The 1000-plus guests contributed cash and groceries for Depression relief.

1937

Bro. Theodore W. Nies served as the Worshipful Master of Dayton Lodge. His grandson, Bro. Byron M. "Skip" Layman, would serve in the same post 60 years later during the 150th year of Dayton Lodge.

May 22, 1937

The 90th Anniversary of the Chartering of Dayton Lodge was celebrated. The program for this event states that "Bro. Benjamin F. Hershey, Sr., dean of living Past Masters, will preside." The program listed the following:

"Reading of the minutes of the first meeting of Dayton Lodge April 12, 1847.
Presentation of Veterans, or 50 year medals.
Speeches, Music, Reminiscences.
Anniversary Dinner at 6:30 p. m."⁹

The following Past Masters assumed the Lodge Chairs:

Bro. Benjamin F. Hershey	W. M.	Paul L. Ruth	Secretary
Joseph A. Wortman	S. W.	William D. Blaik	S. D.
Oliver Perry Gothlin	J. W.	Ezra M. Kuntz	J. D.
Wilcher L. Donley	Treasurer	Fred E. Hershey	Chaplain
		Howard S. Smith	S. S.
		Warren C. Deem	J. S.

In addition to the previously mentioned program items, the Secretary read the *Historical Sketch of Dayton Lodge No. 147 F.&A.M., 1847-1926*. This history had been written by Bros. Charles C. Snyder, W. B. Sullivan, and Charles F. Mitchell for inclusion in the cornerstone of the current, 525 W. Riverview Avenue, Temple¹⁰.

Bro. William D. Blaik, P. M.-1911, in his speech stated that Dayton Lodge had been "of great worth to our Fraternity," as it had contributed:

1. M. W. Bro. Isaac Kinsey, Past Grand Master of Ohio
2. Most Ill. Companion William B. Anderson, Past Grand Master of R.&S.M. of Ohio
3. Right Em. Sir Joseph A. Wortman, Past Grand Commander of Knights Templar of Ohio¹¹.

November 12, 1938

Bro. John W. Durst celebrated his 60th Anniversary as a Mason. A card¹² printed for the occasion read as follows:

<p>BRO. JOHN W. DURST REQUESTS THE HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE AT AN INFORMAL BANQUET TO BE GIVEN AT THE MASONIC TEMPLE MONDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER TWENTY-FIRST NINETEEN HUNDRED AND THIRTY-EIGHT IN COMMEMORATION OF HIS SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY AS A MASON AND MEMBER OF DAYTON LODGE NO. 147 FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS RECEPTION IN LOUNGE ROOM FIVE TO SIX DINNER AT SIX-THIRTY PLEASE REPLY</p>

September 12, 1940 (W. M.: Henry Carbaugh)

A resolution was introduced which stated, in part, "Whereas, it becomes necessary and expedient to change the time of Stated Meetings during the month of November...." The result of the resolution was that Stated Meetings were to be held on the second and fourth Thursday of the month, except the month of November, when the meeting was to be the first Thursday¹. This resolution was carried unanimously at the September 26, 1940 meeting².

October 5, 1940

"Dayton Lodge, to revive its former annual custom of conferring the Master Mason degree in Dramatized form, sent invitations to all Masonic Lodges within a distance of one hundred miles from Dayton...."

Reed Commandery No. 6, K. T., posted the colors and a quartet led the singing of the National Anthem.

The Raising of Bro. Earl C. Wilson was attended by 667 Brethren. In addition to the Ohio Brethren, there were 75 from Indiana, one from Sojourners Lodge, Cristobal, Canal Zone, and one from St. Thomas Lodge No. 40, Arboath, Scotland³.

According to Bro. Charles E. Stroebel, W. M.-1949, the Dramatized Master Mason Degree resembled the more elaborate Scottish Rite degree work, for example⁴.

November 6, 1941 (W. M.: Ernest F. Grether)

Bro. Frederick E. Hershey noted that "this was the first annual election meeting that Bro. John Durst was not present." A motion was then passed that the Secretary write W. Bro. Durst a letter regarding the esteem in which Dayton Lodge held him⁵.

December 7, 1941

Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. World War II began for the United States of America.

January 19, 1942

The presence of defense plants in Dayton was thought to make the city the target of enemy air raids. In the community, an Air Raid Warden and a Chief Watcher were appointed and \$15,000 worth of air raid sirens were purchased⁶.

Grand Master Charles B. Hoffman granted the January 16 special dispensation to use the Dayton Masonic Temple for "emergency purposes"⁷.

February 7, 1942

Dayton Lodge No. 147 and Aero Lodge No. 648 held a Joint Meeting for their Annual Inspection; an Inspection in the Fellowcraft Degree. The meeting was opened by the Dayton Lodge officers, whose Worshipful Master was Clem V. Norris, the father-in-law of W. Bro. Charles E. Stroebel (W. M.-1949).

Aero Lodge Entered Apprentice Bro. Edgar Paul Thoroman, "was obligated with the Officers of Dayton Lodge occupying the Chairs after which the Officers of Aero Lodge assumed their stations for the balance of the meeting." The latter officers included Bro. Ora G. Marker, W. M. Visitors that evening included M. W. Bros. Elmer R. Arn, Charles R. Wilson, and Charles B. Hoffman, Grand Master⁸.

February 26, 1942

Bro. Frederick E. Hershey's resolution of February 12 was moved, seconded and unanimously passed. Bro. Hershey had asked that each petitioner to Dayton Lodge be fingerprinted. Such fingerprinting was to be done by the Investigating Committee⁹. The Financial Report for the year ending October 23, 1943 carried the item "Stand for finger printing \$21.24"¹⁰.

March 26, 1942

Bro. Charles Cole was appointed to contact Dayton Lodge members who were serving and who would be serving in the military¹¹.

1944

Bro. Robert Ulysses Martin served as the Worshipful Master of Dayton Lodge. Bro. Martin was born May 20, 1899 in Dayton, Ohio. He graduated from the University of Michigan with an LL.B. degree in 1925.

He served in the Infantry in World War I. He then served as a Judge of the Civil Division of the Dayton Municipal Court from 1929 through 1935. From 1935 to 1971, he was a Judge of the Montgomery County Common Pleas Court. Bro. Martin also served as Presiding Judge of the Miami Conservancy Court from 1953 through 1971.

Bro. Martin received his Master Mason Degree in Dayton Lodge March 19, 1931. A member of both the York Rite and Scottish Rite, he received his 33^o September 28, 1960.

He died May 17, 1973 and is buried in the Ehrstine Cemetery near Trotwood, Ohio¹².

Among his Masonic activities, Bro. Martin served as the Chairman of the Centennial Historical Committee (1947) in Dayton Lodge No. 147.

January 13, 1944

Dayton Lodge voted to change the By-Laws in response to the November 30, 1943 letter from M. W. Bro. Alpheus A. Stephens, Grand Master. This change established the single ballot for all three Blue Lodge Degrees. This replaced the previous one-ballot-per-degree system then in use. The Lodge also voted to set the fees for degrees as follows: Entered Apprentice Degree = \$50.00, Fellowcraft Degree = \$30.00, and Master Mason Degree = \$30.00. This gave a total of \$110.00 for the three degrees¹³.

October 21, 1944

The Dramatized form of the Master Mason Degree was conferred upon Bro. Irvin Louis Lau. Invitations were sent to all Lodges within a 25 mile radius of Dayton, Ohio. The Minutes show that about 1200 Masons from several states and England attended the meeting¹⁴.

February 23, 1945

R. W. Bro. L. Todd McKinney, Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, was the Inspecting Officer for the Joint Inspection of Dayton and Aero Lodges. Aero Lodge officers opened the Entered Apprentice Lodge and initiated Mr. Russell Elmer Creager. Dayton Lodge Worshipful Master Delmo L. Robinett and the other officers completed the work, including the lecture given by Bro. Fred E. Nolte, S. D. A total of 438 Masons, including visitors, were present¹⁵.

March 29, 1945

Bro. Delmo L. Robinett, W. M., died of a heart attack¹⁶.

August 6, 1945

An atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima Japan. This bomb and the one dropped two days later on Nagasaki, Japan would bring the end of World War II in the Pacific Ocean region.

February 2, 1946 (W. M.: Walter K. Bussell)

Dayton Lodge again presented the Dramatized Master Mason Degree. Invitations were sent to all Lodges within 100 miles of Dayton, Ohio and to the Ohio Grand Lodge Officers. The total of 1336 Masons in attendance came from 127 Ohio Lodges and 65 out-of-state Lodges.

February 2, 1946 (continued)

A quartette sang at this meeting. The Brethren in the quartette were Bros. Dewitt E. Saunders, Herman Krebs, Gordon S. Batelle, and Lawrence H. Durnell. The organist for the event was Bro. Frank Michaels. Bro. Charles E. Stroebel, W. M.-1949, was then the Senior Deacon.

As previously stated, the October 5, 1940 presentation of the Dramatized Master Mason Degree had revived the former annual custom of Dayton Lodge. Lodge Secretary Charles F. Mitchell, at this 1946 meeting, stated that he had seen all of the Dramatized degrees and that the first one had taken place "on or about 1918"¹⁷.

February 14, 1946

Bro. Frederick Hershey, P. M.- 1929, presented a resolution for Dayton Lodge to support the Dayton Masonic Temple monthly publication *The Temple*. The basic cost was to be \$5.00 per Masonic Body. The motion to adopt the resolution was then seconded and carried¹⁸.

March 17, 1946

Bro. Albert Sylvanus Dunn, Engineer and Dayton Lodge member, died. He had served for 40 years as the official or unofficial Custodian of the properties of all the member bodies in the Temple. The Resolution of Respect for him stated that "His life stands out as a brilliant example of that greatness which may be achieved by every Mason no matter how humble his walk in life may be." This Resolution was signed by the Presiding Officers in the Temple¹⁹.

September 25, 1946

Bro. Frank Henry Irelan, a member of Dayton Lodge, received his 33^o. He had received his Master Mason Degree in Dayton Lodge May 15, 1920. He was a member of both the Scottish and York Rites.

Born January 3, 1893, Bro. Irelan began as a stockman at the Delco Products Division of the General Motors Corporation in 1915. He retired from Delco in 1958 as its General Manager. He was known as "One of Dayton's top civic and industrial leaders..." His civic service included City Commissioner and School Board member.

Bro. Irelan died June 26, 1972 in Pompano Beach, Florida. Following cremation, his ashes were scattered from an airplane over the ocean he loved²⁰.

March 29, 1947 (W. M.: Albert H. Black)

Bro. Ames Monroe Valentine was Raised using the Dramatized Master Mason Degree. Invitations for this event were sent to all Lodges within 150 miles of Dayton. Those attending the event represented 131 Lodges in 16 states. Among the Brethren there were M. W. Bro. Charles B. Hoffman, P.G.M., and R. W. Bro. L. Todd McKinney, Senior Grand Warden. The events of the meeting were listed in a six-page program²¹.

October 25, 1947

Dayton Lodge held its Centennial celebration. Twenty of the 29 living Past Masters of Dayton Lodge were introduced. M. W. Bro. Charles B. Hoffman, Past Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. L. Todd McKinney, Deputy Grand Master, attended this celebration. The Worshipful Master of Marion Lodge No. 35 in Indianapolis, Indiana was also present. Marion Lodge was likewise celebrating its 100th anniversary in 1947.

Bro. Robert U. Martin, P. M.- 1944, presented a history of Dayton Lodge which was entitled "Dayton Lodge in The Past Century," a copy of which was given to everyone present. Then, W. Bro. John W. Durst was recognized for 70 years of "faithful and magnanimous service to Masonry." Following this the Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Raymond A. Younger, gave an address.

October 25, 1947 (continued)

A period of reminiscences by the Past Masters followed the Grand Master's address. Bro. Paul J. Wortman's insistence on punctuality was included in these reminiscences. It seems that when Bro. Wortman became Worshipful Master, the Lodge was lax about starting on time. It became his policy that officers arriving late were not allowed to assume their stations. Punctuality became a Lodge characteristic in record time.

There followed a 45-minute break during which the Brethren renewed old acquaintances. Then the 492 Masons ate a Centennial Banquet. Of these 492, 449 of them were Dayton Lodge members. The banquet adjourned to the Scottish Rite Cathedral, where they joined 250 more Masons.

Bro. Ezra M. Kuhns, P. M.- 1912, next introduced the Ill. Bro. John W. Bricker, United States Senator from Ohio, who gave the principal address of the evening. His speech showed "the importance of Masonry and what it stands for and can mean as a force in the world."²²

The Dayton Lodge Officers for the Centennial Year were:

Bro. Albert H. Black	W. M.	Bro. Frederick A. Collins	J. D.
Fred E. Nolte	S. W.	Ralph D. Hardesty	S. S.
Charles E. Stroebel	J. W.	Stanley E. Grether	J. S.
Ernest F. Grether	Treasurer	Lester D. Hipple	Chaplain
Wilbur J. Kaffenberger	Secretary	George A. Geyer	Tyler ²³
Charles E. Cole	S. D.		

May 29, 1953

Sir Edmund Hillary of New Zealand and Tenzing Norgay of Nepal became the first to climb Mt. Everest and return.

October 4, 1957

The U. S. S. R. orbited the first artificial satellite, Sputnik I, around the Earth.

January 3, 1959

Alaska became the 49th state of the United States of America.

August 21, 1959

Hawaii became the 50th state of the United States of America.

September 23, 1959 (W. M.- Bro. Glenn I. Kinkead)

Bro. Harry Franklin Schiewetz received his 33°. He was born June 28, 1884 and was Raised in Dayton Lodge November 17, 1909. He became a Life Member on November 25, 1909. Bro. Schiewetz was also a member of the York and Scottish Rites.

By the time of his death October 13, 1983, he was a retired Postmaster for the City of Dayton and a former President and Chairman of the Board of the Homestead Loan and Savings Association. He was also a Past President of the Dayton Downtown Kiwanis Club¹.

1960

The City of Dayton had a population of 262,332¹.

November 5, 1964

Bro. Howard E. Smith was elected and installed as the 1965 Worshipful Master of Dayton Lodge. Nine days later, however, on November 14 he died without ever having opened Lodge as its Master. Bro. Ivan E. Harlan, Senior Warden, was then elected to fill the position on December 10².

November 28, 1968 (W. M.: Earl B. Dawkins, Jr.)

A Resolution was proposed-and later adopted January 9, 1969-that Dayton Lodge participate in the expansion of the parking lot past Plymouth Avenue³. Plymouth Avenue, at that time, ran along the foot of the hill leading down from the upper parking lot. The street was vacated when the parking lot was expanded.

The funding for the expansion was done through member assessment. The share for Dayton Lodge, at \$1.76 per member and having 1300 Brethren, was \$2288.00. A total of \$40,146.38 was to be raised⁴.

July 20, 1969

Man first landed on the Moon when Apollo XI touched down on its surface. Neil A. Armstrong then became the first person to set foot on it.

September 25, 1974

Bro. Carl Francis Haines, the Worshipful Master of Dayton Lodge in 1960, received his 33°. Bro. Haines worked for the Delco Products Division of the General Motors Corporation for 37 years. Starting as a Tool and Die maker, he then moved to Tool and Die Design. From this position, he moved to the Purchasing Department.

Bro. Haines is a member of both the Scottish Rite and the York Rite. In addition, he has been serving as the Director of the Freemasons Mutual Benefit Association since 1948⁶.

1976

During this Bicentennial year of the United States of America, Bro. James L. Mack served as the Worshipful Master of Dayton Lodge No. 147. Bro. Charles N. Dixson served in that position in Horace A. Irvin Lodge No. 647 while Bro. Marcus R. Bainter served in Aero Lodge No. 648.

1980

The population of Dayton, Ohio stood at 203,371¹.

September 29, 1982

Bro. William A. Harrell received his 33^o. Bro. Harrell, in his business life, had successively worked as the Vice President of Winters Bank, the President of Central Trust and the Vice President of Bank One. His several civic activities have included Big Brothers/Big Sisters and the Boy Scouts.

Bro. Harrell served as the Worshipful Master of Dayton Lodge in 1972. He has held various positions in both the York and Scottish Rite bodies, as well as the President of the Dayton Masonic Temple Board².

January 1985

The first issue of the *Temple Topics*, which covers the events of the various bodies in the Dayton Masonic Temple, was published. The article for Dayton Lodge in this first issue commented on the November 2, 1984 Installation of Bro. Darrell L. Duke, Worshipful Master, and the other officers. The article further related that the Dayton Lodge "12 Hundred Lunch Club" was meeting" every Tuesday at noon in the Square and Compasses Dining Room." Our reporter was Bro. Terry L. Engle, P. M.- 1983³.

January 26, 1989 (W. M.: Julius Roberts, Sr.)

M. W. Bro. David L. Dresser, Grand Master, was in attendance for the presentation of 50 and 60-Year Membership awards. He also presented a Grand Lodge Certificate of Award to Bro. George C. Goodrich. "The Grand Master related to the Lodge the many and varied personal service contributions of Bro. Goodrich to Masonry during his years of membership."⁴

March 16, 1989

Bro. Julius Roberts, Sr., W. M., announced that the Air Force Band would present a concert at the April 29 Dayton Lodge Dinner and Entertainment⁵.

December 7, 1989 (W. M.: Julius Roberts, Jr.)

The Annual Entertainment Night of Dayton Lodge presented the Air Force Band of Flight, whose program was entitled the "Wonder of Christmas." A reception was held after the concert for the members and guests. This program was then repeated the following night.

The Christmas Concert presented by the Air Force Band of Flight continues as an annual event at the Dayton Masonic Temple. Originally brought to the temple by Dayton lodge, this event is now a function of the Dayton Masonic Temple itself⁶.

1990

The population of Dayton, Ohio stood at 182,044¹.

September 27, 1990

Bro. Paul M. Greenwood, P. M.-1975, the Dayton Lodge M. T. A. Board of Shareholders Representative, reported that the excess funds from the Emergency Lighting Project were being transferred to another project. The new project was the removal of the old oil tank from behind the Temple. This removal had been ordered by the E. P. A.(Environmental Protection Agency), a part of the United States government². The oil tank had been installed as part of the Temple's response to the Energy Crisis of the latter 1970's.

October 11, 1990 (W. M.: Julius Roberts, Jr.)

Bro. George Clinton Goodrich received his 33° White Hat in Lodge. Bro. Julius Roberts, Sr., P. M.-1989, assumed the East. Bro. William A. Harrell, P. M.-1972, 33°, acted as Emcee for the program. M. W. Bro. David L. Dresser, Past Grand Master, was also present for the occasion.

Bro. Goodrich, who was born March 5, 1920 in Detroit, Michigan, graduated from Ohio University in 1943. After working for the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company in St. Marys, Ohio, he came to Dayton in 1958. He retired as a Salesman in 1985.

Bro. George received his Master Mason Degree in April 1972. He had been serving as the Chaplain of Dayton Lodge since 1985, at the time he received his 33°.

Bro. Goodrich has also been active in the other Masonic bodies. During the White Hat program it was said that although he was not an officer, "He has assisted the Valley of Dayton (A.A.S.R.) for many years in many parts in many degrees in a remarkable fashion." In addition, he is a Past President of the Shrine (A.A.O.N.M.S.) Oriental Band³.

September 26, 1991 (W. M.: Joseph W. Mack)

The 33° White Hat presentation ceremony was held for Bro. Paul Arthur Greenwood, P. M.- 1975) in Dayton Lodge. Ill. Bro. Harold Hussey, 33°, related the following in his comments.

Bro. Greenwood, born March 30, 1922 in Dayton, Ohio, had worked as an Auto Mechanic, a Service Manager, and a Car Salesman. He retired as Supervisor of the Kettering, Ohio Municipal Garage.

Receiving his Master Mason Degree in Dayton Lodge in 1956, he then served as the Worshipful Master in 1975. Bro. Greenwood is a member of both the York Rite and Scottish Rite. At the time of the White Hat ceremony, he was serving as the Presiding Officer of the Gabriel Lodge of Perfection, A.A.S.R.⁴

May 1, 1992 (W. M.: T. Michael Jackman)

Aero Lodge No. 648, F.&A.M., consolidated with Dayton Lodge. Thus ended a period of 72-1/2 years during which the two Lodges had worked side by side at both the 132 S. Main Street and the current, 525 W. Riverview Avenue,Temples.

During the early 1980's, Aero Lodge had begun to experience difficulties in getting Brethren to serve as officers. The situation continued to worsen. Past Masters filled several of the Chairs. Finally, on December 11, 1991, Aero Brethren were authorized to approach Dayton lodge No. 147 regarding a Consolidation. W. Bro. John H. T. Massie, W. M., then issued a letter to the Brethren of Aero Lodge. In part this letter stated, "after considerable discussion and investigation, it has been concluded Aero Lodge #648 cannot continue to operate effectively as a separate entity.... It appears that the future lies in seeking to consolidate with another lodge, which is financially stable, with a strong membership, and an active line. A consolidation with Dayton Lodge #147 appears to be the best option for Aero Lodge #648." There followed instructions for returning an enclosed consolidation petition."

May 1, 1992 (continued)

Following the April 9, 1992 favorable consolidation vote, Aero Lodge No. 648 held its last meeting, Meeting No. 2670, April 2, 1992⁵.

November 22, 1994 (W. M.: James M. Worley)

Mr. Shawn Alan Jackman, son of Past Master (1972) T. Michael Jackman, was initiated as an Entered Apprentice in Dayton Lodge⁶. Mr. Jackman and his petition dated just hours after the conclusion of Grand Lodge in 1994, reflected a major change in the thinking of the Grand Lodge of Ohio. Mr. Jackman was just 19 years old at the time. The reduction of the minimum age of a petitioner for Masonry in Ohio from 21 to 19 was made partially to eliminate the two year gap between the maximum age for membership in DeMolay and the minimum age to petition to receive the degrees in Masonry.

October 10, 1996 (W. M.: H. L. "Rodie" Radermacher)

Having received his 33^o August 27, 1996, Bro. John H. Smith, P. M.- 1980, was presented his White Hat in Dayton Lodge. Ill. Bro. Neil M. Smalley, Grand Master of Masons in Ohio, made the presentation of the White Hat, itself.

Bro. Smith, an Engineering graduate of the University of Dayton in 1959, worked in Engineering Laboratories for 31-1/2 years. He retired as the Supervisor of the engineering and electronics laboratories of the Delco Moraine Division of the General Motors Corporation.

Bro. Smith was Raised in Dayton Lodge No. 147 on February 4, 1971. After serving as the Worshipful Master of Dayton Lodge in 1980, he served as Lodge Education Officer from 1982 to 1992. He is also a member of the Scottish Rite and the York Rite. Bro. Smith was appointed as an officer of the Gabriel Lodge of Perfection in 1990 and was elected Executive Secretary of the A. A. S. R. Valley of Dayton in 1994⁷.

November 19, 1996

The 1997 Officers of Dayton Lodge, those who would serve during the 150th year of the life of the Lodge, were Installed. Reed Commandery No. 6, K.T., and Dayton Commandery No. 68, K.T., posted the Colors and gave the Flag Lecture. The Installing Marshall for the evening was Bro. Wylie J. McConoughey, P. M.- 1966⁸.

W. Bro. Byron M. "Skip" Layman, the new Worshipful Master, had requested to be Installed on this Tuesday rather than the usual Thursday. The Tuesday date was the closest possible to that date on which his grandfather, Theodore W. Nies, had been Installed in 1937.

Bro. Byron M. "Skip" Layman	W. M.	Bro. Tim Smith	S. S.
Keith T. Knight, P. M.	S. W.	Walt Barner	J. S.
Eugene Banks	J. W.	George C. Goodrich	Chaplain
Richard E. Duke, P. M.	Treasurer	Keith B. Erd	Tyler
A. Lee Yarnall	Secretary	James Parrott	Marshal
Steven M. Siefert	S. D.	T. Michael Jackman, P. M.	L. E. O.
William Meyer	J. D.		

The Officers of Dayton Lodge No. 147 for 1997

January 16, 1997

Bro. Michael Ellis was passed to the degree of Fellowcraft at the Annual Inspection of Dayton Lodge. R. W. Bro. Stanley Erk, Sr., D. D. G. M., was the Inspecting Officer representing M. W. Bro. Thomas H. Galyen, Grand Master of Masons in Ohio. Bro. Steven M. Siefert, S. D., gave the Lecture and Bro. Marc T. Smith, J. D., gave the Charge¹.

February 27, 1997

The annual Unity Night program was presented. This program notes the union of Dayton Lodge No. 147 and Aero Lodge No. 648. Bro. James R. McCloud, P. M.-1987, presented the paper *The Early Masonic Homes of Dayton Lodge No. 147*, which were the first four homes of Dayton Lodge. These preceded the 132 S. Main Street and the current, 525 W. Riverview Avenue, sites, the fifth and sixth homes of Dayton Lodge. A separate program was held for the ladies².

March 13, 1997

The winners of the annual Euchre Tournament were presented their prizes. The winners of the tournament, held in the Card Room of the Dayton Masonic Temple, were Bro. Keith T. Knight, P. M.-1993, and Bro. Walt Barner, S. S. (not present).

Bro. John H. Smith, P. M.- 1980, presented an Educational Talk on the proposed One Day Degree program. In this program, the candidate would receive all three Blue Lodge degrees in one day. No memory work would be required. The One Day Degree program proposal was defeated at Grand Lodge in October 1997.

On the lighter side, Bro. W. Delmar Gainey, P. M.- 1981, won the annual Funny or Wild Hat contest³.

March 22, 1997

Dayton Lodge celebrated its 150th anniversary as a Masonic Lodge by holding a Reconsecration Ceremony at a Special Meeting, which opened at 9:45 A. M. Among the guests was M. W. Bro. Neil M. Smalley, P. G. M.

Bro. David L. Yarnall, P. M.- 1988, in Scottish kilts and playing a bagpipe, led the Grand Lodge Officers and others into the first floor Lodge room and to their respective stations. These Brethren are listed on page 36.

M. W. Bro. David L. Dresser, P. G. M., Grand Secretary, then read the original Charter of Dayton Lodge to the assembled Brethren⁴. In preparation for the Reconsecration Ceremony, Bro. T. Michael Jackman, P. M.- 1992, had had the Charter restored.

The Ceremony of Reconsecration was then performed.

The Grand secretary then gave an address⁵. His address touched on the following areas: (1) Masonry's Past and Present- In the past, hundreds of Brethren were present for Lodge events. Those Brethren would be horrified to know that Lodges sometimes have to scramble to get enough people to present a degree. (2) What's In It For Me?- As an example of a lack of some sense of obligation, some athletes accept free board and tuition, but leave before their four years are up. The leave to pursue a professional sports career feeling they owe nothing to the school. (3) What's In It For Masonry?- M. W. Bro. Dresser stated that Masons need to see outside of their own building. They need to see that the Ohio River flood victim and the distressed local widow are their concerns, too. They need to make the world know that we're there.

The Grand Master then asked the Reed Commandery No. 6, K. T., members present to stand and be recognized. Reed Commandery- then Reed Encampment- and Dayton Lodge officers had been jointly Installed in 1847, the beginning of Dayton Lodge.

March 22, 1997 (continued)

Grand Master Galyen was then presented with a silver medallion⁶. This medallion, made through the efforts of Bro. Burch Zehner of Reed Commandery, commemorated Dayton Lodge 1847-1997 on one side and Reed Commandery 1846-1996 on the other. Bronze versions of the medallion were to be given to each of the Brethren present. A limited number of the silver medallions were sold at \$50.00 each to defray the expenses of the Reconsecration.

The Grand Master then presented Dayton Lodge with a plaque commemorating its 150 years of service to Masonry. Afterwards, the Brethren present, as well as their wives, assembled at the Wright Patterson Air Force Base Officers Club for a complimentary luncheon⁷.

Grand Marshall	R. W. Bro. Thomas E. Reynolds
Grand Tyler	R. W. Bro. Arthur G. Quade
Grand Treasurer	M. W. Bro. Jim S. Deo
Grand Secretary	M. W. Bro. David L. Dresser, P. G. M.
Senior Grand Steward	???
Junior Grand Steward	W. Bro. Wylie J. McConoughey, P. M.- 1966
Senior Grand Deacon	R. W. Bro. William P. Mayberry
Junior Grand Deacon	???
Grand Orator	W. Bro. John H. Smith, P. M.- 1980
PM/3 Great Lights	W. Bro. Charles E. Stroebel, P. M.- 1949
PM/Corn	W. Bro. Carl F. Haines, P. M.- 1960
PM/Wine	W. Bro. George W. Carpenter, P. M.- 1971
PM/Oil	W. Bro. Ballard I. Yates, P. M.- 1974A
PM/1 st Lesser Light	W. Bro. John E. Coleman, P. M.- 1955
PM/2 nd Lesser Light	W. Bro. Billy G. Britton, P. M.- 1977A
PM/3 rd Lesser Light	W. Bro. Paul A. Greenwood, P. M.- 1975
PM/Carpet	W. Bro. Marcus R. Bainter, P. M.- 1976A
PM/Symbol (Darkness)	W. Bro. James L. Mack, P. M.- 1976
Senior Steward	W. Bro. Lewis E. Ross, P. M.- 1970A
Junior Steward	W. Bro. James R. McCloud, P. M.- 1979A
Senior Grand Warden	W. Bro. William A. Harrell, P. M.- 1972
Junior Grand Warden	R. W. Bro. Ronald R. Rogers
Deputy Grand Master	R. W. Bro. C. Michael Watson
Grand Chaplain	R. W. Bro. Glenn J. Bollinger
Grand Master	M. W. Bro. Thomas H. Galyen

Notes:

1. All Past Masters were from Dayton Lodge No. 147.
2. Past Masters from the former Aero Lodge No. 648 are indicated by an 'A' following the date.

List of Officers Participating in The Reconsecration Ceremony⁸

April 3, 1997

The annual John W. Durst Dinner for the members and their wives was held preceding the Special Meeting. At the meeting, seven of the eligible Brethren were presented with their 50 Year pins by R. W. Bro. C. Michael Watson, Deputy Grand Master. One of these Brethren was Lodge Secretary, Bro. A. Lee Yarnall. R. W. Bro. Watson then gave several remarks about the events of 50 years ago, 1947.

Bro. Russell C. Worley, Sr., age 94, then received his 70 Year pin⁹. Then pin was presented to him by his son, Bro. Russell A. Worley, Jr., Trustee, and his grandson, Bro. James M. Worley, P. M.- 1994.

April 10, 1997

Bro. George C. Goodrich, Chaplain of Dayton Lodge for over 12 years, resigned. Bro. Shawn A. Jackman was appointed to serve as Chaplain¹⁰.

April 24, 1997

Bro. A. Lee Yarnall, Secretary of Dayton Lodge resigned. Bro. Richard E. Duke, P. M.- 1974, was appointed to serve as Secretary until the annual Election of Officers in November¹¹.

May 8, 1997

Bro. A. Lee Yarnall presented information concerning Grand Lodge Endowed Memberships. He further related that two Brethren of Dayton Lodge were already participating in this program.

The annual Dayton Lodge Pool Tournament was held in the Billiard Room following the close of the Stated Meeting¹².

May 15, 1997

A Table Lodge was held in the North Loge of the Temple. The singing was led by Bro. Byron M. "Skip" Layman, W. M. The Box of Fraternal Assistance was then passed among the Brethren. The proceeds of this collection were given to Special Olympics, a program for handicapped children.

Bro. W. Delmar Gainey, P. M.- 1981, then welcomed R. W. Bro. Warren Gregory, P.D.D.G.M., who had recently affiliated with Dayton Lodge. Bro. Gainey then described the Table Lodge Ceremony to the Brethren giving special attention to each of the Seven Toasts. Next, R. W. Bro. Gregory gave an address from M. W. Bro. Galyen, Grand Master¹³.

August 24, 1997

The annual Dayton Lodge Picnic was held this year at the Edelweiss German Club shelter in Englewood, Ohio. The Lodge provided meats and refreshments, while the Brethren and their families brought salads, vegetables, and desserts¹⁴.

October 2, 1997

A Special Meeting was called for the purpose of presenting the 33° White Hat to Ill. Bro. Jerry L. Kirby. Ill. Bro. William A. Harrell, 33°, P. M.- 1972, gave the Welcome and Ill. Bro. Charles A. Henger, 33°, gave the Invocation. Following this, Reed Commandery No. 6, K. T., and Dayton Commandery No. 68, K. T., posted the Colors and gave the Flag Lecture.

Ill. Bro. Neil M. Smalley, P. G. M. and Active for the A.A.S.R. Valley of Dayton, presented the White hat to Bro. Kirby. Ill. Bro. Henger concluded the ceremony with a Benediction¹⁵.

. W. Bro. Smalley related that Bro. Kirby had worked to make Dayton a better place to live. A graduate of Roosevelt High School in Dayton, Bro. Kirby was the Chairman of the Board and C. E. O. of the Citizens Federal Savings and Loan Association. He had also served as the Chairman of the area Chamber of Commerce and was a member of the Federal Reserve Board-Cleveland. Bro. Kirby had come to Dayton Lodge No. 147 by way of Aero Lodge No. 648, which had merged with Dayton Lodge in 1992.

October 9, 1997

The annual Harry E. Coleman Dinner and Program were held with families and guests present. Bro. John E. Coleman, P. M.- 1955, spoke regarding the civic and Masonic history of his grandfather, Bro. Harry E. Coleman, P. M.- 1895 & 1896. Bro. Harry E. Coleman had established the Dinner fund.

Nine Brethren, including former Chaplain Bro. George C. Goodrich, were eligible to receive their 25 Year pins. Unfortunately, none of the nine was able to be present and the pins were to be sent to them¹⁶.

October 23, 1997

At this Stated Meeting, it was announced that Bro. Hollister Baker had taken first place at the recent annual Dayton Lodge Golf Outing. Bro. H. L. "Rodie" Radermacher, P. M.- 1996 placed second. Bro. Donald Fox and Bro. Carl F. Haines, P. M.-1960, tied for third place. It was also announced that Bro. Walt Barner, Junior Steward, had donated a total of 76 pints of blood to the Blood Bank¹⁷.

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<i>Record No. 4</i>	September 10, 1891	August 27, 1908
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<i>Record</i>	June 26, 1913	August 8, 1918
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1. This is a list of the Past Masters of Dayton Lodge No. 147. This list is based on the List of Past Masters found on pages 19-21 of *133rd Anniversary History of Dayton Lodge No. 147 Free And Accepted Masons 1847-1980* (Dayton, Ohio: Privately published, 1980). This list contains the names of Past Masters of Dayton Lodge No. 147 from 1847-1980. It as been updated using Petition Records and other current Lodge records.
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