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WAUKEGAN LODGE NO. 78, A.F. & A.M.

WAUKEGAN, ILLINOIS

Union Lodge no 78 A. F and A. M. was instituted October 4th 1849 A.D. 5849 A.L. The first master was Worshipful Brother Salmon Stebens.

In 1859 A.D 5859 A.L. There was a separation of the membership of Union Lodge and Waukegan Lodge no 234 was formed. The first master was Worshipful Brother John C. Baker. Worshipful Brother Henry L. Hatley was master of Union Lodge.

In 1864 the two lodges joined hands, forming Waukegan Lodge no 78. with Worshipful Brother William S. Buell as master. The new lodge taking the name of the prodigal lodge and the number of the parent lodge.

The new lodge prospered and built a lodge building in 1880 A.D. 5880 A.L. at Waukegan, Illinois. The building was constructed on the North west corner of State and Washington streets, now (1920 A.D) known as Sheridan Road and Washington Sts.



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Brief history of the lodge.

In April 1917 A.D. the United States of America entered the World War. Two hundred and sixteen of the membership participated in the war in various capacities. Because of the war the growth of masonry was stimulated, many new members being added during and after the war. The war evidently was a means of showing how universal and far reaching masonry was.

In 1918 A.D. 5918 A.D. There was a second separation in the membership. Forty five members of Waukegan Lodge with a number from other lodges formed the Anchor and Ark Lodge No 1027.

Waukegan Lodge No 78 prospered and outgrew the old building and in 1919 it was decided a new temple was needed. A building committee was appointed by the board of directors of the three bodies in which the ownership of the building was vested. Ownership was vested in Waukegan Lodge No 78, Waukegan Chapter No 41 of Royal Arch Masons, and Waukegan Commandery No 12 Knights Templars. Worshipful Brother T. A. Simpson was chairman of building committee as well as of the board of directors.



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The project was financed by the Committee and plans drawn by Brother E. E. Roberts Architect and contract let to Hansen Brothers of Chicago in February 1920 A.D. 5920 A.L. Ground was broken early in February.

The corner stone is to be laid at 3 P.M. on Saturday April 24th 1920 A.D. 5920 A.L. by Right Worshipful Brother Elmer E. Beach. R. W. Deputy Grand Master of the M. W. Grand Lodge A. F. and A. M. of the State of Illinois and be assisted by other members of the grand lodge as required according to masonic custom. After the corner stone is laid a banquet will be spread in the banquet room of the First Methodist Church. Many speeches will be made after the banquet by Masons of high rank and ability.

The masters of the Lodge since organization of Union Lodge No 78 were as follows.

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Stebens, Salmon 1849, 50, 51, 52, 53

Haines, Elijah M. 1855, 56, 57.

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Smith David S.

1858



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Hatley, Henry L.	1859.	Hutchinson, Henry C.	1861
Montgomery, Cabell	1860-62	Hutchins, Agro D.	1862

Tiffany, William C. 1864.

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Baker, John C.	1859	Curtis, James R.	1862
Lorday, Julius L.	1860	Watson, Freeman	1863
Hatley, Henry L.	1861.	Dewey, George.	1864

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Buell, Wallace S	1864	Watson, James A.	1874-75
Hutchinson, Henry C.	1864-67	Hatley, Henry L.	1876-78-82-83-84-85-86-87-88.
Dewey, George	1865		
Morton, Lyman J.	1866	Brown, John K.	1879
Baker, John C.	1868	Kuhn, John F.	1889-90
Brewster, Daniel	1869-70-77	Talcott, S. Delano	1891-92
Blodgett, Azriel J.	1871	Cheever, Charles H	1893
Fay, William H.	1872-80-81	Maxson, Orin P.	1894
Hutchins, Agro D	1873	Brewster, Jay L.	1895-96



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Hamilton, Dewey	1897	Hendee, Llewellyn A.	1909
Raesside, David	1898	Watrous, William S.	1910
Bullrick, John R	1899	Richards, Gilbert Haven	1911
Langham, Cassius J.	1900	Brewster, Gordon Lynn	1912
Newnham, Thomas A.	1901	Pritchard, Henry William	1913
Connolly, Lewis R.	1902	De Mours, Theodore	1914
Dyer, Edward L.	1903	Pitt, William Alfred	1915
West, Lyman C.	1903	Goeman, Edward James	1916
Rogers, Abraham L.	1904	Hill, Leroy F.	1917
Spon, Robert E.	1905	Sayle, William E.	1918
Whyte, Charles L.	1906	Talcott, Mancel	1919
Simpson, T. Arthur	1907	Banta, John S.	1920
Connolly Robert	1908		
