

## YORK LODGE DEDICATION

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The Masonic Dedication, Banquet and Ball: (October 15, 1886)

"The Masonic fraternity held the dedicatory services of their new hall in Masonic block last Friday evening. There was a select audience of between three and four hundred present to participate in the exercises. The hall, which is one of the finest in the state, was most tastefully decorated and was admirably fitted to entertain the guests in royal style. Grand Master C. K. Conant (Charles), of Omaha, assisted by Past Master Wemple and Rawalt, of Hastings, Grand Custodian, with the officers of the York Lodge, conducted the dedicatory solemnities in a manner fitting the occasion, the lodge uniting in the grand honors. Rev. L. F. Britt, D. D., of Hastings, delivered the oration with his usual eloquence. The exercises were interspersed with music by Misses Mabel and Maud Chilcote, Miss Nellie Hackney, Miss Anderson, C. T. Macy, Dr. McConaughy, Mr. Green and Dr. Hatfield, with Miss Green at the organ. After the oration, Dr. W. M. Knapp proposed a variety of toasts, which were responded to by D. E. Sedgwick, W. E. Morgan, G. B. France, Col. Crabb, W. T. Scott, F. C. Power, Grand Master Conant and Grand Custodian Wemple. During the toasting Miss Anderson with the violin, Mr. Geddes the cornet and Miss Green at the organ, gave a trio which was heartily encored. Following this part of the entertainment, came the banquet, which was spread under the supervision of mine host Hackney and his estimable wife and daughter.

The following menu will give an idea of the gustatorial delights presented:

Oyster Soup, Salmon, a la Royal, Cold Slaw, Raw Oysters, Celery, Potato Salad.

Young Turkey, Cranberry Jelly, Sweet Potatoes, Sweet Corn, Boston Brown Bread

Beef, al Villeroe, Chicken Salad, French Peas, Scalloped Oysters.

Baked Ham, Potato Coquetts (sic), French Split Rolls, Oysters, au Vel an Vent.

Olives, Chow Chow, Worcestershire Sauce, Coloron Sauce, Salad Dressing, Sweet Pickles, Tomato Catsup, Celery, Piccallili.

Queen Pudding, Apple Pie, Cranberry Pie, Lemon Pie, Pumpkin Pie.

Tarts, White Nut Cake, Lady Fingers, Fruit Cake, Jelly Roll, Chocolate Pound Cake, Kisses.

Oranges, Bananas, Apples, Grapes, Peaches, Nuts, Raisins, Ice Cream.

Teas, Chocolate, Milk, Coffee.

Following the banquet was the ball at the opera house, where the lovers of the trepsichorean art kept time to the excellent music furnished by Oppfelt's orchestra. Altogether the members of lodge 56, A. F. & A. M. are to be congratulated not only for adding their admirable hall to the excellent appointments of the town, but on the happy method of entertaining their guests. Their dedication and banquet will be remembered as a notable gathering."

Provided by Fred O. Wyant, October 28, 2004. (Member of York Lodge # 56)

