

District, and R. W. Bros. B. Allen, R. Dinnis, George Tait, H. Collins, A. G. Horwood, B. Saunders, Malcolm Gibbs, William Simpson and Sigmund Weichert, (P.G.S.W. of P.G.L., South Wales), V. W. Bros. Dr. Ryerson, J. R. Dunn, N. T. Lyon, John Erskine and R. T. Coady; W. Bros James Glanville, J. W. Jones, F. Denton, B. N. Davis, F. Prince, A. L. Malone, W. Sterling, Curran Morrison, John Akers, W. G. Eakins, M. Stewart, W. J. Chick, J. S. Williams, P. T. Lee, Jacob Merschfelder, J. B. Young, Hugh Blain, Joseph Jackes, Chas. E. Mathews, T. E. P. Trew, R. Smallpiece, R. B. Harcourt, and Bros. Dr. Reynar, F. M. Bell Smith, and Warring Kennedy, (Ex-Mayor.)

The various chairs during the evening were occupied by the regular officers for 1896-7 as follows: W. Bros. Jos. Tomlinson, W. M., and Matthew Stewart, I. P. M.; and Bros. Spencer Love, S. W.; Jas. G. Boyce, J. W.; Joseph King, Chaplain; W. N. Eastwood, Treasurer; M. Laverty, Secretary; John Alexander, D. of C.; Arthur Allan, S. D.; E. J. Cashmore, J. D.; Geo. W. Verral, S. S.; Arthur Hewett, J. S. H. S. King, I. G.; and J. H. Pritchard, Tyler.

After the routine business of the Lodge was concluded and the several distinguished visitors were introduced and received with grand Honors, the W. M., W. Bro. Tomlinson called on W. Bro. Joseph Jackes, the first Secretary of the Lodge in 1856-7, to present an address, beautifully illuminated and framed, to Bro. Steiner, who on coming forward, was received by the entire assembly rising and singing "Auld Lang Syne."

W. Bro. Jackes said, he was pleased to have the honor of being the medium through which a presentation was to be made to V. W. Bro. Steiner. He then referred to the early history of the Lodge for a few minutes after which he read the following address:—

TO VERY WORSHIPFUL BROTHER
NEWMAN L. STEINER, *Past Master*,
St. John's Lodge, No. 75, G.R.C.

Dear Sir and Very Worshipful Brother:

Your Brethren of St. John's Lodge of A. F. & A. M., No. 75, G.R.C., feel that they cannot allow this the 25th Anniversary of the completion of your term as Worshipful Master of this Lodge to pass without giving expression to their deep sense of appreciation of the valuable services you have rendered this Lodge and of your estimable qualities as a Mason and a Citizen.

You, Very Worshipful Sir, have now been a member of this Lodge for more than thirty five years and during all that period your zeal for the welfare of the Lodge and its individual members has shown no abatement and any success attained by the Lodge in those years can in no small measure be attributed to the faithful discharge of your duties, to your undiminished interest in its affairs and to the worthy example which you, as a Mason, have ever set before your Brethren.

We, your Brethren, beg therefore to tender you their hearty congratulations on this occasion and to express their appreciation of your services in the interest of the Lodge, and at the same time they earnestly hope that you may long be spared to advise and assist them in carrying on the work of the Lodge.

Signed on behalf of the Lodge, by
M. Stewart, R. R. Davis, J. Tomlinson,
Spencer Love, J. G. Boyce and M. Laverty.

V. W. Bro. Steiner in responding to the address, said, he could not say he was being taken by surprise that evening, for he had put the postage stamps on the envelopes which had contained the last monthly circulars that had been sent to the brethren. Every officer of that Lodge he had known since 1865, and he thought he was able to say thoughtfully that St. John's Lodge had done well, was doing well, and would do well in the future. The two most important words that he would make use of that evening were "prosperity" and "gratitude." It was well known that St. John's Lodge was a prosperous Lodge, in fact it stood ahead of all other lodges in the general intelligence