

## MASONIC.

The fraternity of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons is well represented in St. Catharines, there being three flourishing Lodges, one vigorous Chapter, and a Preceptory of the united orders of the Temple and Hospital, a Council of Royal and Select Masters is all in course of formation. The fraternity owns a substantial iron front building known as the Masonic Temple, erected in 1872 at a cost of about \$30,000, or \$15,000 more than the subscribed capital. This building is managed by a Board of Directors annually elected, who absorb its income in extinguishing the excess of capital stock. The third story is devoted exclusively to Masonic purposes, and contains a large hall for Lodge and other meetings, with ante-rooms adjoining. The second story possesses several fine offices and a large millinery establishment, while the first story or ground floor contains a magnificent store 53 x 90 feet, being the largest and most imposing in the town.

The following is a list of the officers of each organization, with the times of meeting and fees charged:—

*St. George's Lodge No. 15.*—Meet monthly, Tuesday, on or before full moon; installs officers on Festival of St. John the Baptist; initiation fee \$25; W. Bro. W. Dougan, W.M.; W. Bro. Robt. Kane, I.P.M.; Bro. Jas. H. Taylor, S.W.; Bro. Alex. McLaren, J.W.; V. W. Bro. W. Chatfield, Treas.; W. Bro. D. W. Bixby, Chaplain; Bro. S. A. Dougan, Secy.; Bro. A. L. Biggins, S.D.; Bro. C. P. Mills, J.D.; Bro. Louis Dorr, D. of C.; Bro. F. Hills, I.G.; Bros. W. Stevens and H. Sparrow, Stewards; Bros. J. D. Christie and E. Netherway, Members Com. G.P.; Bro. R. Ratcliffe, Tyler. Has about 100 members.

*Maple Leaf Lodge No. 103.*—Meets monthly, Thursday, on or after full moon, installs officers on Festival of St. John the Evangelist; initiation fee \$25; W. Bro. J. E. Becton, W. M.; W. Bro. J. B. Somerset, I. P. M.; Bro. J. W. Coy, S. W.; Bro. R. H. Dyer, J. W.; V. W. Bro. E. Goodman, Treas.; Bro. O. Whittaker, Secy.; Bro. C. Elliott, S. D.; Bro. C. Douglas, J. D.; Bros. J. Hara and A. Patterson, Stewards; Bro. J. A. Ferguson, Inner Guard; V. W. Bro. H. Carlisle, organist; Bro. A. C. Maxwell, D. of C.; Bros. Ed. Gardiner and W. H. McClive, Members Com. G. P.; Bro. R. Ratcliffe, Tyler. Has about 100 members.

*Temple Lodge No. 296.*—Meets monthly, first Wednesday of each month, installs officers on Festival of St. John the Evangelist; initiation fee \$25; W. Bro. C. Brown, W. M.; W. Bro. L. Leith, I. P. M.; Bro. I. McEdward, S. W.; Bro. John Henderson, J. W.; Bro. W. W. Greenwood, Treas.; Bro. Jas. J. Higman, Secy.; Bro. F. A. Baker, S. D.; Bro. Wm. Heney, J. D.; Bro. A. McEdward, I. G.; Bro. Adam Purves, D. of C.; Bros. A. McKay and William Duff, Stewards; Bro. R. Ratcliffe, Tyler. Has about 40 members.

*Mount Moriah Chapter R. A. Masons No. 19.*—Convenes monthly, Friday on or before full moon, intalls officers at October regular Convocation, exaltation fee \$25; R. Ex. Comp. Edwin Goodman, Z.; Ex. Comp. Levi Yale, H.; Ex. Comp. George Walker, J.; Ex. Comp. John Dale, P. Z.; Comp. A. L. Riggins, S. E.; Comp. J. W. Coy, S. N.; Comp. John H. Robeson, P. Soj.; M. Ex. Comp., James Seymour, Treas.; Comp. Wm. H. Andrews, S. Soj.; Comp. J. E. Beeton, J. S. Soj.; Comps. W. G. Millward, B. Rodgers, Robt. Henry, and Frank Hill, M. of Veils; R. Ex. Comp. H. Carlisle, organist; Comp. Theophilus Mack, D. of C.; Comp. C. Quackenbush, Sword Bearer; Comp. H. H. Collier, Standard Bearer; Comps. Geo. Collins and C. Gannon, Stewards. Comps. J. McDonagh and S. A. Dougan, Members Com. G. P.; Comp. R. Ratcliffe, Janitor. 100 members.

*Plantagenet Preceptory and Priory K. T. and K. M.*—Assembles Quarterly, second Monday in January, April, July, and October; installs officers in April, installation fee \$26.25; Emt. Sir Kt. Edwin Goodman, Preceptor and Prior; Emt. Sir Kt. J. P. Willson, P. E. P. and P.; Sir Kt. J. B. Fowler, Constable; Sir Kt. C. Gannon, Marshal; Sir Kt. P. McCarthy, Chaplain; V. E. Sir Kt. J. Seymour, Treasurer; Sir Kt. J. M. Clement, Registrar; Sir Kt. G. Collins, Almoner; Sir Kts. L. Yale, Capt. Guards; Sir Kts. Geo. Walker and Robert Kemp, Standard Bearers; Sir Ktf. J. W. Coy, Capt. Lines; Sir Kts. D. W. Corbin and B. Rodgers, Heralds; Sir Kts. J. McDonagh and H. H. Collier, Members Council; Sir Kts. S. A. Dougan, Jas. Bridges, and R. Ratcliffe, Equerries. 30 members.

*Masonic Association*, (Limited Joint Stock) meets annually in October, and at call of President at other times. Calvin Brown, President; L. S. Oille, Vice-President; D. D. Moore, C. E. Stewart, R. H. McMullin, A. Chatfield, and E. Gardiner, Directors; Jas. Mills, Treas.; Jas. McEdward, Secy.

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