

Historical Sketch

INSTITUTION

At the session of the M.W. Grand Lodge of A.F.&A.M. of Illinois, held Tuesday, October 4, 1864, at Springfield, Illinois, the Committee on Appeals and Grievances reported the existing difficulties in La Fayette Lodge No. 18 and gave the subject the attention and consideration which its great importance demanded. The Committee had statements of all parties concerned and constrained to concur with the Grand Master in the opinion announced by him in his address that the differences could not be reconciled and that the elements which composed that Lodge could not live together in harmony. The Committee therefore recommended that the charter of La Fayette Lodge No. 18 be arrested and that the property be divided and that two dispensations be issued without fee.

The dispensation to institute Chicago Lodge U. D. was granted by M. W. Grand Master Thomas J. Turner, October 25, 1864.

CONSTITUTION

At the session of the M. W. Grand Lodge, held Tuesday, October 3, 1865, at Springfield, Illinois, the Grand Master, in his address, reported having granted a dispensation to Chicago Lodge, October 25, 1864. The Committee on Lodges U. D. reported, recommending the granting of a charter to Chicago Lodge No. 437, and the report was unanimously adopted. The Committee further reported regarding Chicago Lodge U. D., as follows:

Total membership . . . . .	65
Number initiated . . . . .	38
Number passed . . . . .	28
Number raised . . . . .	26
Total number of degrees conferred . . . . .	92
Number of petitioners rejected . . . . .	21

The charter was issued to Chicago Lodge No. 437, October 4, 1865.

RESUME

La Fayette Lodge No. 18 was chartered October 2, 1843. Its charter was arrested in October, 1864, and it was ordered that the

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property be divided and that two dispensations be issued without fee. This gave birth to Chicago Lodge U. D. and H. W. Bigelow Lodge U. D. Charters were issued to Chicago Lodge No. 437 and H. W. Bigelow Lodge No. 438 October 4, 1865. The charter of H. W. Bigelow Lodge No. 438 was surrendered to the Grand Lodge March 27, 1875, said Lodge being now defunct.

NAMES OF THE BRETHERN WHO SIGNED THE ORIGINAL PETITION FOR A DISPENSATION TO ORGANIZE CHICAGO LODGE

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| Samuel Alschuler   | Henry Leopold       |
| Abraham Barnett    | Newman Levy         |
| James Byron        | Abraham Lewis       |
| Charles Cohen      | Isaac Liebenstein   |
| Henry Cole         | Leon Mandel         |
| S. M. Fleishman    | Theodore Marcuse    |
| Jacob Frost        | James McWilliams    |
| M. M. Gerstley     | Jonas Moore         |
| Henry Greenebaum   | Moritz Morris       |
| Michael Greenebaum | John Pfund          |
| Solomon Harris     | Jacob Rosenberg     |
| Abraham Hart       | Levy Rosenfield     |
| I. H. Henoeh       | Benedict Schlossman |
| Anton Herzog       | Joseph Schlossman   |
| Ignatz Herzog      | Moses Shield        |
| Lazarus Higer      | James D. Sinclair   |
| Marx Israel        | Caspar Summerfield  |
| Abraham Kohn       | Levy J. Unna        |
| Morris Kohn        | Sam Witkowsky       |

L. J. Zeiner

W. Brother Charles Cohen is the sole survivor of the above named original signers who still remain a member of Chicago Lodge.