

of Masons, and also the John Joseph Moakley Technology Center at Bridgewater State College, which is a state-of-the-art facility helping residents of the area master the latest in telecommunications skills. Mr. Speaker I ask that the history of this lodge, written by Luther Hayden, Jr., be printed here as an important example of how a community can nurture and be nurtured by its history.

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS—1797-1972

(By Worshipful Luther L. Hayden, Jr.)

The first record of any movement toward the formation of the Lodge bears the date of October 1, 1796. At that time, a group of Masons of the old town of Bridgewater, desirous of having a meeting-place at or near their place of abode, appointed a committee to present a petition to the nearest Lodge. The petition was signed by Hector Orr, Charles Angier, Josiah Otis, Noah Fearing, Isaac Lazell, Nathan Lazeli, and Joseph Lazell. It was presented to Orphan's Hope Lodge of Weymouth, asking for a recommendation to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge that it grant a charter for a lodge in Bridgewater, to be called Fellowship Lodge.

The first meeting of which we have a record was held at the home of Brother Hector Orr, in the East Parish of Bridgewater, on June 30, 1797. On October 2, officers of The Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts came to Bridgewater, and at that time Most Worshipful Paul Revere consecrated and constituted Fellowship Lodge.

The charter of Fellowship Lodge is dated June 15, 1797, and is worthy of special mention. It is signed by Most Worshipful Paul Revere. During his term of office, twenty-three new lodges were formed, and several of these have their original charter. Fellowship Lodge is one of these.

In order to appreciate the period in which Fellowship Lodge was formed, it would be well to note what was happening in our country in 1797. George Washington had just completed his second term, and in March, 1797, John Adams, second president of the United States, had been inaugurated. The cornerstone of the first Capitol building in Washington had just been laid with elaborate Masonic ceremonies, in which George Washington took part. The Town of Bridgewater was composed of what is now Brockton, West Bridgewater, East Bridgewater and Bridgewater.

In 1835, due to the strong anti-Masonic feeling which prevailed throughout this nation, the Lodge voted to suspend its regular meetings. From 1835-1845, only one candidate received the degrees. The charter was never surrendered during this time. Tradition informs us that it was concealed in the caves of the Jonathan Ames house on South Street in West Bridgewater.

Regular meetings were resumed in September, 1845, and a period of lively Masonic activity took place. By 1868, 140 new members had been added to the rolls.

In 1869, Fellowship Lodge purchased its first permanent home, located on the site of the present Temple. In 1872, a third story was added to form the lodge room which many of us came to know so well.

On June 15, 1897, the 100th Anniversary was observed. Apparently the whole town participated, for a newspaper list of decorated buildings includes practically all public and commercial buildings, as well as many homes. The Most Worshipful Grand Master, Most Worshipful Charles G. Hutchinson, and many members of Grand Lodge were in attendance. After an hour-long parade, an anniversary meeting was held, followed by a banquet. The Reverend Dr. George C. Lorimer, minister of Tremont Temple, delivered the principal address. One report states that over 800 attended.

In 1922, the 125th Anniversary was observed with a church service, ladies' night, and a commemorative communication. The grand Lodge was represented by the Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden.

In 1936, according to Right Worshipful Herbert K. Pratt, "the Lodge was swept with a wave of dramatic fervor." The Fellowship Players were organized, and for several years a different play by Worshipful Carl H. Claudy was produced annually. Invitations were received from far and wide, and the Players traveled from Provincetown to Boston, appearing before an estimated ten thousand Masons. During World War II, the Players submerged, but every now and then they surface, upon request, to reenact their perennial favorite "A Rose on The Altar."

On June 15, 1947, the Lodge celebrated its 150th Anniversary with church services and a special communication. Most Worshipful Samuel H. Wragg and several other Grand Lodge officers were our guests. The observance ended with a banquet at the Albert Gardner Boyden Gymnasium.

At the February 24, 1964 meeting of the Lodge, a committee was appointed to look into the advisability of either remodeling the lodge building or erecting a new Temple. For a number of years it had become increasingly apparent that extensive repairs would have to be made to the old structure, which had been the home of Fellowship lodge for nearly 100 years. The building was structurally weak and the lodge room on the third floor was a potential firetrap. After considerable study, by this committee and others that follows, at the May 2, 1996 meeting, erection of a new building on the same site was recommended and it was voted to proceed with the project.

The building committee then set to work in earnest. A brochure was prepared showing plans for the proposed new Temple, and at the June 6th communication a drive for funds was initiated, with Brother Thomas Carroll, our oldest member, making the first contribution. Arrangements were made for the Lodge to meet in the quarters of Satucket Lodge in East Bridgewater. Late in July, demolition of the old building was begun. Construction proceeded with few interruptions, and by the fall of 1967 the building was ready for occupancy.

September 7, 1967, was a Red Letter Day in the history of Fellowship Lodge. On that day, officers of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts came to Bridgewater, and Most Worshipful Thomas A. Booth presided over the laying of the cornerstone and dedication of the new Temple. Masons from far and near taxed the capacity of the lodge room to participate in the traditional Masonic ceremonies. Then, on April 3, 1968, a mortgage-burning ceremony proclaimed the Lodge's freedom from encumbrances. Thus, the hopes and plans of Fellowship Lodge came to fruition, and another page added to the story of Masonry in Bridgewater.

No account of the building of the Temple would be complete without credit being given to those whose efforts and contributions made it possible. First, to the Building Committee, who labored so tirelessly for a period of more than two years, studying, planning, and finally supervising the building construction. Second, to all those who subscribed so generously to the drive for funds. Third, to the memory of those whose gifts and bequests were largely responsible for our being able to build without incurring indebtedness: namely, Brothers Elmer Edson Kimball and John Gardner Braman; Paul Revere, great-grandson of the signer of our charter; Mrs. Flora T. Little, widow of Brother Walter S. Little; and Mrs. Eleanor G. Reynolds, daughter of Brother Harry H.

Bragdon, Lodge treasurer for thirty-nine years. To these, and many others, Fellowship Lodge owes a debt of undying gratitude.

For 175 years, Fellowship Lodge has survived through wars, depressions and the anti-Masonic period, and has prospered. It has become a recognized and respected influence for good in the community. As a unit of a great Fraternity, international in its scope, we should like to feel that it has played its part in the promotion of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth to all men "wherever dispersed over the face of this earth." May God grant that its future be as bright as its past.

TRIBUTE TO DARLENE REINKEMEYER

HON. ROY BLUNT

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 1997

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, Darlene Reinkemeyer became executive director of the Missouri Funeral Directors Association in 1992 and almost immediately members noticed something had changed for the better.

With Darlene's directing, memberships increased sharply, membership services tripled, and the association's programs for continuing education seminars, licensure, and professional development were enhanced and scheduled on a more frequent basis.

The MFDA Newsletter took on a new life with added information and diverse advertising. The newsletter is now regarded as one of the best in the country.

Reinkemeyer was a key figure in restoring credibility to the Missouri Funeral Trust by developing effective contracts, folders, and forms and implementing a computerized record keeping system that gave the system new accountability, and reduced costs. The MFT now manages \$30 million. The system Reinkemeyer authored has been copied in other States.

Darlene also put the Missouri Funeral Directors Association into the information age, too. The MFDA is on the Internet and its offices are computerized. In the last year, she was instrumental in providing the MDFA with new offices and headquarters building. The Association, with Reinkemeyer at the helm, is financially stable with a sound process of planning and acquisition of assets and capital improvements.

Darlene Reinkemeyer has decided to leave her position, and funeral home directors in Missouri will miss her. Her efforts have improved the profession in Missouri to the benefit of those persons who need their services in times of great bereavement. We wish Darlene Reinkemeyer the very best in her pursuits.

HONORING RAY L. TURNER

HON. TIM ROEMER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 1997

Mr. ROEMER. Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor to rise today in appreciation of Mr. Ray L. Turner, a loyal and dedicated friend who has been named the Indiana School Social

Worker of the Year for 1997. It is truly an honor for me to recognize Ray, who has consistently demonstrated generosity and selfless dedication to the children of northern Indiana.

As the school social worker at Harrison Elementary School in South Bend, IN, Ray has dedicated himself to promoting the academic and social advancement of students in a host of important areas including home visits, crisis prevention, and an innovative approach known as early intervention, which Ray designed and is now in the second year of implementing. The objective of this unique method is to apply prevention and early intervention strategies for elementary school children to reduce suspensions and promote parental involvement. For the current school year, Ray also assumed primary responsibility for the design and implementation for the Harrison School's "Enrichment After School Program."

Ray received an undergraduate degree in philosophy from the University of Notre Dame in 1973. He also received a masters degree in elementary education from Indiana University in 1975 and a masters degree in social work from Western Michigan University in 1978. Ray has also completed all coursework and examinations for Western University's Education Leadership Doctoral Program.

Ray's awards and achievements are numerous and illustrate an extensive and distinguished career in assisting children. In addition to being named Indiana's School Social Worker of the Year, Ray has also been named the local Social Worker of the Year for South Bend Schools and Teacher of the Year at Harrison Elementary School in 1996 and 1997. Additionally, Ray was awarded the Martin Luther King Community Service Award in January 1997, the Co-Social Worker of the Year for South Bend Schools in 1995 and 1996, and the UCAADA Community Service Award in August 1994.

Mr. Speaker, I am especially proud to recognize Ray's achievement in establishing a regional site for the Indiana Chapter's Books for Kids Foundation in 1996. This innovative program focuses on early literacy as a critical part of the foundation from which a child learns and improves in mind and spirit, and becomes a contributing member of the family and the community. As a member of the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, my efforts to provide greater opportunity for young people are significantly bolstered by the contributions of selfless individuals like Ray Turner, whose ongoing contributions continue to provide an unrivaled source of inspiration and motivation for America's youth.

Mr. Speaker, Ray Turner is a shining example of the importance of our Nation's outstanding teachers and social workers, whose tireless contributions provide an invaluable service to our community. I am confident that Ray will continue to play a constructive and important role in influencing the lives of children and all of those who come into contact with him.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CARMELITOS PUBLIC HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

HON. STEPHEN HORN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 1997

Mr. HORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to praise the Carmelitos public housing develop-

ment, located in North Long Beach. It wasn't long ago that a public housing site in my district of Long Beach epitomized what is wrong with public housing today. Crime-ridden neighborhoods and rundown units plagued families living in this community. Today, the Carmelitos public housing development is a bonafide success story, due in part to one program making a difference in its public housing residents' lives—the Growing Experience. The Growing Experience is a year-long training program open to county public housing residents to prepare them for landscape business development and employment. The project is improving the quality of life for public housing residents by providing strong job training and educational opportunities that lead to self-sufficiency. Since the program's inception in April 1996, one-third of the resident trainees have moved out of public housing and into private residences. Clearly, the Growing Experience is proof that a chronically unemployed community can transform itself into a community that embraces work.

I am proud to announce that the Growing Experience, a program of the Los Angeles County Community Development Commission, was named a semifinalist in the Ford Foundation's 1997 Innovations in American Government Awards competition. One of the Nation's most prestigious public-service prizes, the Innovations Awards recognize governmental initiatives that provide creative solutions to social and economic problems. Being named a semifinalist in this competition underlines what those of us in Los Angeles County have known for the last year—that Carmelitos is a pioneer in helping people to help themselves.

I congratulate the Carmelitos housing development and the Los Angeles Community Development Commission for its recognition in this national competition. Carmelitos is a prime example of defining a program's success by how many people graduate to self-sufficiency and no longer need its assistance.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. SONNY BONO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 1997

Mr. BONO. Mr. Speaker, I am writing to clarify my position regarding the Employment, Training, and Literacy Enhancement Act of 1997, H.R. 1385. Regrettably, on May 16, 1997, my vote on final passage of this legislation was improperly recorded, rollcall vote No. 138. Let the record show that it was my intent to vote "nay" on final passage in accord with my position opposing this bill. While I appreciate the efforts of my colleagues in this endeavor, I deeply feel this is a wrong direction for us to turn. Thank you for recognizing my position regarding these important matters.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. FRANK A. LoBIONDO

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 1997

Mr. LoBIONDO. Mr. Speaker, I seek recognition to speak out of order. Mr. Speaker,

last Friday, May 16, my wife fulfilled a lifelong dream. Having stayed at home to raise our two children, my wife had recently returned to school to get her degree in education. Last Friday, she achieved that goal in a commencement ceremony at Rowan University in my district. I could not be more proud of her.

Needless to say, because I attended my wife's commencement I was unable to attend Friday's session and was therefore forced to miss votes that day. However, I wish to submit for the record that had I been present, I would have voted "no" on the Owens amendment, and "yes" on final passage of the bill H.R. 1385.

CONGRATULATIONS TO RON MOLENDYK

HON. KEN CALVERT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 22, 1997

Mr. CALVERT. Mr. Speaker, I am here today to acknowledge the outstanding career of Ron Molendyk. Mr. Molendyk, who has announced his retirement, serves as the city manager for the city of Lake Elsinore, CA. Having worked with Mr. Molendyk for many years, I am truly sorry to hear this pillar of the community say goodbye. However, I am extremely pleased to see a long life of hard work be rewarded with the celebration of retirement.

Mr. Molendyk has served in municipal government for 35 years and he has been dedicated to the city of Lake Elsinore for 13 years. He began his career as the recreation leader for the city of Buena Park. He then moved on to become area supervisor for the recreations and parks department for the city of Long Beach, director of recreation and parks for the city of Bell, director of community services for the city of Brea and the traffic commissioner for the city of Placentia. Drive, determination, and many years of experience paid off for Mr. Molendyk when he was hired as the city manager/city clerk for the city of Rolling Hills and then, later, as the city manager for the city of Lake Elsinore.

The position of city manager incorporates all of the requirements of a corporate administrator, as well as the responsibility of providing leadership and representation to the community on behalf of the city council and staff. As city manager, Mr. Molendyk has served as the negotiator to bring commercial and residential development to the city of Lake Elsinore. To emphasize the priceless asset of the city, the lake, Mr. Molendyk has been a leader in the development of recreation and tourism.

He has also been the key contact for relations between the city and other levels of government. On many occasions, Mr. Molendyk has been the liaison for my office when addressing city issues affected by the Federal Government, such as flood control, transportation, and the environment. His knowledge of and passion for the city of Lake Elsinore has been a vital asset to me during my first two terms as the congressional representative for the Elsinore Valley.

Mr. Molendyk received his bachelor of arts in recreation and master of science in administration from California State University, Long Beach. He is a member of the International City Managers' Association, Inland Empire