

1809
CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

ADDRESS

Upon a proper application duly made, the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, on June 1, 1808, granted to Nicholas W. Angle and thirteen other brethren a Dispensation to form a Lodge in the Town of Northumberland, Saratoga County. We find that on June 14, upon previous notice, the brethren named in the Dispensation gathered in Reynolds' Tavern, located at Reynolds' Corners, some four miles north of Gansevoort. The Dispensation, signed by DeWitt Clinton, Grand Master, was read, Brother Daniel Hicks being constituted therein Deputy Grand Master for the purpose of installing the officers and consecrating the new Lodge. It also named Nicholas W. Angle, Worshipful Master, Stephen King, Senior Warden, and Jared Palmer, Junior Warden, of the new Lodge. The balance of the official staff of the new Lodge was duly elected. The Deputy Grand Lodge, which in the meantime had opened in another apartment, now entered, and a procession was formed, consisting of both Lodges, which marched to the Congregational Meeting House where an appropriate prayer was read by Brother Elijah Porter, of Halfmoon, Saratoga County, and

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an Exordium on Masonry by Brother John H. Steele, at the conclusion of which the procession returned to the Lodge Room, where the usual ceremonies of installation and consecration were observed.

June 20th, six days later, Joseph Emerson and Israel M. King were initiated, and the regular meeting day of the Lodge was fixed, as being on every Tuesday before the full of the moon, at 3 o'clock P. M.

The Lodge having been created to the satisfaction of the Grand Lodge, a Warrant was issued September 6, 1809, empowering Rising Sun Lodge, No. 185, to confer the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft and Master Mason, in due and ancient form. That Warrant, which I hold in my hand, is signed by the Hon. DeWitt Clinton, Grand Master, and other proper officers of the Grand Lodge. We are now engaged in the pleasing and honorable observance of its Centennial. I, likewise, hold in my hand, and have great pleasure in exhibiting it, the lambskin apron worn by Grand Master Clinton in that same period. It bears his signature, and was presented to his friend and brother Mason, Gardner Conklin, of Stillwater, Saratoga County.