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worshipful body and urge as the prominent and commendable purpose of that appeal, the desire to demonstrate in our own case that justice to harmonize our brethren to unite them with us in common and cordial zeal for the interests of our Brotherhood and establish anew that fraternizing sympathy which forms at once the attraction and power of our Order.

"Your petitioners therefore respectfully pray that the forfeited warrant of the Rising Sun Lodge may be restored; that the surplus money beyond one year's back dues paid for Union Lodge dispensation be refunded—That the proceedings of said Union Lodge be adopted as the legitimate work of said Rising Sun Lodge—That the present members of said Union Lodge be regarded as Regular members of said Rising Sun Lodge, and that the officers of said Union Lodge be received as members of the Grand Lodge at the next June communication the same as if said Rising Sun Lodge had been reinstated as prayed for in the petition for that purpose to which your petitioners have referred.

"DAN. D. BENEDICT
W. A. BEACH
JOHN L. PERRY
Committee.

1909
RISING SUN LODGE, No. 103, F. & A. M.

"Dated Saratoga Springs,
May 24th A. L. 5845."

The petition was duly presented to the Grand Lodge, and on June 6, 1845, the Committee on Warrants, to which it had been referred, made the following report, which was adopted:

"That the charter of Rising Sun Lodge be revived and restored, and the members of Union Lodge of Saratoga Springs be organized into a Lodge under said Charter upon the payment of one year's Grand Lodge dues from the late members of Rising Sun Lodge, that the money received by the Grand Lodge for the Dispensation of Union Lodge be refunded to said Rising Sun Lodge; that the acts and doings of Union Lodge be approved and transferred, together with all implements, jewels, and property to Rising Sun Lodge No. 103."

The first meeting after the restoration of the name was held on September 19, 1845, at which time the officers were elected, and from that time the Lodge has enjoyed an unbroken existence.

William Augustus Beach, who no doubt drew up the petition, was at that time District Attorney of our County and became one of that galaxy of legal stars, for which Saratoga County is noted.