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CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Rising Sun Lodge has had at all times a goodly array of talent. Many of the most noted members of the legal fraternity, in times past, claimed Rising Sun Lodge as their home. We are still favored with a number of that profession on our records, and when the next centennial comes around no doubt several of them will be remembered as now we remember Cowen, Walworth, Gansevoort, Beach, Warren, Lester and others, thirty-nine in all have appeared among our members. At least twelve members of Rising Sun Lodge have worn, and adorned, the judicial ermine; two have served as Presidential Electors; one as member of the Constitutional Convention of the State of New York in 1846; two as members of the United States Congress; one as Surrogate of Saratoga County; two as Senators of the State of New York; seven as Members of Assembly of the State of New York; two as Sheriffs of Saratoga County; five as District Attorneys of Saratoga County; one as State Comptroller; one as State Treasurer; five as Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Saratoga County; thirteen as Public School Teachers; eight as Professors of Music.

The medical brethren have always found a genial

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home, as well as a resting place, in Rising Sun Lodge: Brothers Daniel Hicks, John H. Steele, Henry Reynolds, Beroth Bullard, John L. Perry, both senior and junior, as well as others—27 in all.

In the inventive line, we find Theodore R. Timby, the real inventor of the turret idea now used on our battleships, and so, was the real creator of the Monitor, of such noted and historic memory.

When we ponder over the names that have adorned our mercantile life, we find at all times the most powerful and aggressive merchants in control of this organization.

We find eight teachers in the line of work aiming and tending to lift our minds, thoughts and aspirations toward the higher life, toward that Celestial Lodge above, where the Supreme Architect of the Universe presides, and who will inspect the work we deposit, which, of necessity, must bear our *Mark*. May it be our portion to find that it be not rejected and cast amid the rubbish of the heavenly Temple.

An examination of the list of Charter Members shows that two were Judges; four Justices of the Peace; one a Colonel and also a Member of the Assembly of New York State; three were Doctors; one a Master in Chancery. The first Master of