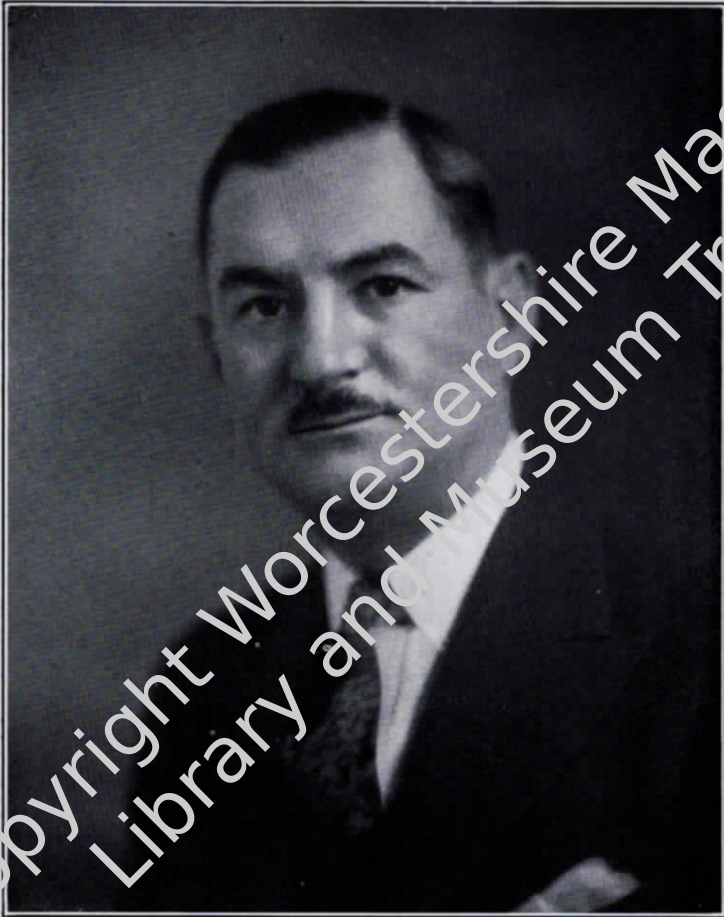


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To the Past Masters, Wardens, Officers and Brethren
of Paul Revere Lodge, No. 929

Free and Accepted Masons

MY DEARLY BELOVED BROTHERS:

I cannot but feel a sense of sadness as I approach the task of giving to you an accounting for my stewardship of the station in the East for the past Masonic year. The joys and pleasures, trials and tribulations, attendant upon my incumbency are but fleeting shadows now, and will be serene and clear in the East. I lay down the gavel with a feeling that I have shouldered the responsibility incident to the Master's Station, and have given of my best efforts toward the upbuilding of Paul Revere Lodge and its prestige in the Masonic Fraternity. Many indeed are the tasks which come to the hands of a Master, but I have been happy to accept them all and to try as best I could to successfully accomplish each and every one of them. How well this has been done is for you, in your own hearts and consciences, to decide. The year has been replete with activity of a most diversified nature, all tending to give to you, my Brothers, joy, pleasure, contentment and satisfaction.

RITUAL

Our ritualistic work has not been neglected in a single instance, and each and every Degree has been conferred in a most able, efficient and competent manner, with strict adherence to the ancient landmarks of Freemasonry. My Junior Officers have had most excellent opportunity to perfect themselves along

these lines by reason of the fact that I adopted the practice of permitting them to officiate in the East at every opportunity. The First Degree was most ably conferred by our Senior and Junior Wardens. The Second Degree was exceptionally well rendered and conferred by Brothers Carl Pack, Charles Axelrod, Monroe L. Bach and Benjamin J. Rabin; while during the conferring of the Third Degree we had the delight and pleasure of having, as Acting Masters, Right Worshipful Brother J. Moe Cohen, Worshipful Brothers Harry L. Bievy, Maurice L. Abrams, Benjamin Lieberman and Brother Carl Pack, our Senior Warden. All of these Brothers conducted the work exceptionally well and to each of these Brothers I am most grateful. The Middle Chamber Lecture was remarkably well delivered by Brothers Benjamin J. Rabin and Charles Axelrod, and upon one occasion we were honored by the presence of Most Worshipful T. L. Nekton, Honorary Grand Master of Masons of the Grand Jurisdiction of Finland. We also had Historical Lectures by distinguished Brethren of the Craft in the persons of Right Worshipful Brother Edward Mink of Poughkeepsie, Right Worshipful Brother George L. Genung and Worshipful Brother Albert Reid, Chief of the Fire Department, and the founder of the Fire Square Club in the City of New York. The drama of the Third Degree was particularly well exemplified by the Fellowcraft Teams from Palestine Lodge, Obed Lodge and the Fire Square Club, so that we may well say that Paul Revere Lodge, during the year 1929, held its reputation for impressive and interesting rendition of the ritualistic work of Freemasonry.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS IN ATTENDANCE

It was my thought at the beginning of the year that I would try to make every meeting an occasion to be remembered. I, therefore, sought means to accomplish this purpose, and in building these meetings I extended invitations to prominent men and women, non-members as well as members of

the Craft, to attend with us and deliver addresses upon various topics. To attempt at this time to recount all of these addresses, or the nights upon which they were given, and to depict, if possible, the attendance at each meeting and the reaction, would take many more pages than I desire this report to contain. I list, however, and name to you now some of the dignitaries who were with us, and I have no doubt that upon hearing their names, each of you will recall the night that they attended and the very wonderful evenings which were spent here. There was the Honorable Brother Charles H. Tuttle, United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York; Right Worshipful Brother Henry L. Redfield, a distinguished member of the Craft; Honorable David C. Lewis, Justice of the Municipal Court; Edward E. Spafford, Past National Commander of the American Legion; Most Worshipful T. H. Nekton, Honorary Grand Master of Masons of the Grand Lodge of Finland; Brother and Captain Cornelius Willemse, former Captain of Detectives in the City of New York; Mrs. May Gooderson, Past Grand Master of the Order of the Eastern Star; Reverend Dr. Nathan Stern of the West End Synagogue; Honorable Edward S. Silver, Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York; Worshipful Brother Albert Reid, Founder of the Fire Square Club; Right Worshipful Brother Theodore Fred Kuper, our present and much beloved and respected District Deputy Grand Master; Right Worshipful Brother Murray Ecker, Past District Deputy of the Seventh District; Right Worshipful Brother Abraham G. Meyer, Past District Deputy of the Seventh District; Honorable and Right Worshipful Brother Peter Schmuck, Justice of the Supreme Court and Past District Deputy of the First District; Right Worshipful Brother and Honorable George L. Genung, Justice of the Municipal Court; Right Worshipful and Honorable Brother William Chilvers, Justice of the Municipal Court; Brother M. L. Salmore, the poet of Marshal Lodge; our own distinguished Brethren, Honorable Samuel Dickstein and Honorable Samuel Hofstadter, and last but by

no means least, the distinguished and highly respected Lieutenant Governor of the State of New York, the Honorable Herbert H. Lehman. The mere mention of these names to you, my Brethren, must bring up some fond and joyful memories of the year just passed, for each and every name recalls a meeting which was marked with interest, education, amusement, joy and pleasure. I shall find opportunity later on to mention some of these meetings more specifically.

ENTERTAINMENT AND LADIES' NIGHTS

While seeking to make our regular meetings attractive, the Entertainment Committee was by no means idle. In fact I take particular pride at this time in extending to the Entertainment Committee, under the able leadership of our Junior Warden, Brother Charles Axelrod, aided, assisted and abetted by his more than efficient secretary, Brother Herbert L. Kreihsheimer, my most sincere and heartfelt gratitude for the very excellent and efficient manner in which all of our affairs were conducted. Little indeed do the members realize the amount of work and labor attendant upon the carrying out to a successful conclusion of a social function. Let me say here that the duties are most arduous, and the responsibility great. These two Brethren have shouldered these responsibilities in their characteristically efficient manner, and every affair under their management has been marked with the highest degree of social success.

We began our entertainment year with the public installation of our officers at the Waldorf-Astoria, an affair which I venture to say was one of the finest and best attended in many a year in Paul Revere Lodge. Following this came the New Year's Eve Party; then on February 5th there was a card party with refreshments here in Mecca Temple. On March 13th another card party with refreshments and a dance at the McAlpin. On April 16th when we had the pleasure of extend-

ing a welcome to Mrs. May Gooderson we had our ladies with us. At this time a splendid kiddie show was presented. On May 11th, at the Park Lane Hotel, there was conducted our annual dinner and dance, accompanied by a splendid entertainment, the finest, best conducted, most enjoyable affair of Paul Revere Lodge within my recollection. On June 4th a card party with refreshments; on June 29th and 30th, our annual Camp Outing at the Berkshire Camp and Country Club; on November 5th, Election Night, an entertainment, dance and refreshments; and then on November 16th, our theatre party and supper dance than which there has been no better in Paul Revere Lodge. The ladies, therefore, have had many opportunities to be with us and we with them. As a further source of entertainment and pleasure to the members, it has been my policy to see that at nearly every meeting a collation was served to the members after each meeting.

MEMORIAL NIGHT

One of the outstanding achievements of my administration was accomplished on the evening of May 21st when we conducted, within this lodge room, a Memorial Night, dedicated to our Brethren who had been called to the Grand Lodge above. This innovation, I believe, should be continued as it is a true expression of our Masonic thoughts and ideals, and I am glad indeed to have instituted this first Memorial Night in Paul Revere Lodge. It is my earnest hope and wish that succeeding incumbents of this office will do likewise.

MEETINGS

All of our meetings have been so well attended that to attempt to pick out any one particular meeting as the outstanding one of the administration is rather a problem. I cannot help but point, however, to the very wonderful meeting of October 15th when we were honored by the presence of the Honorable Herbert H. Lehman, Lieutenant Governor of the

State of New York, together with such a large number of distinguished Brethren of the Craft, and when in spite of a pouring rain continuing throughout the evening, the lodge room was crowded to capacity, and which meeting was likewise marked with the official visit of our distinguished, capable and progressive District Deputy Grand Master, Right Worshipful Brother Theodore Fred Kuper. The meeting ran with a most extraordinary smoothness and despatch. There was not an idle moment throughout the entire evening, and I take great pride in pointing to this meeting as one, among the many great ones during the year.

The meeting dedicated to our beloved Past Masters, with Worshipful Brother Harry L. Biow in the East, was another of our joyful evenings. Worshipful Brother Benjamin Lieberman Night, with the Fire Square Club present, was one which should live long in our memories; and the night dedicated to Worshipful Brother Maurice L. Abrams the last Degree meeting of the year, with Right Worshipful Brother George L. Genung delivering the Historical Lecture, was likewise among the best of the year. I might go on and mention the meeting at which we were treated to an exemplification of the Third Degree by the Palestine Fellowcraft Team, and in fact nearly every meeting, as I believe they were all impressive and enjoyable, but space and time would not permit of mention of all of these meetings with the ceremonies and activities attendant upon them. I must, however, remind you at this time of the great meeting upon the occasion of our Three Hundredth Communication, dedicated to our own Right Worshipful Brother J. Moe Cohen, on the occasion of his twenty-fourth Masonic birthday, when the Fellowcraft Team of Obed Lodge of Youghkeepsie, on the occasion of its Eighth Anniversary attended with some eighty odd members and gave us a night to remember. The friendliness and true fraternal spirit exhibited by the Brethren of Obed Lodge on that and other occasions, is something which I, as your Master, will carry with me to the end of my days.

MEMBERSHIP

During the year the Lodge progressed in membership and we were constantly adding to our ranks men of standing and excellent Masonic material. We initiated twenty-seven, passed thirty-five and raised thirty-six to the sublime degree of Master Mason. May I express the hope, at this time, that these thirty-six newly-made Masons will find time and opportunity to devote some of their thoughts and some of their ability to the upbuilding of Paul Revere Lodge. There are many among the 1929 class who have ability, and I sincerely trust that Paul Revere Lodge will receive the benefit of it.

BRETHREN DECEASED

In the midst of all of our activities and of our great endeavors to make our Lodge the outstanding organization of the District, we were indeed unfortunate to have been visited by the grim Reaper who called to the Grand Lodge above, seven of our Brethren, seven good and true Masons, members of Paul Revere Lodge, one a charter member, and the others well known to all of us and greatly missed indeed. Let us stand for a moment in silent prayer, in memory of those dearly beloved Brethren who now occupy seats in that celestial Lodge, Brothers Solomon Kleinberg, Harry Goldberg, William Sitzman, David L. Grossman, Lew L. Gluck, Aber Borkin and George L. Friedland. May their souls rest in peace.

RELIEF FUND

During the year, there have been a number of occasions when we have been called upon to act on behalf of some brother who was in need of our aid or assistance, to relieve his condition. It is one of the proudest things that I boast of in connection with my membership in Paul Revere, that we have placed ourselves in a position where we can and do answer the call of sickness or distress. The year has not been conducive of many of these calls, such as have been made have been

answered fully and completely, and we have performed in this wise, a true and genuine Masonic duty. The Relief Fund at present is ready and able to withstand any reasonable call that may be made upon it. For this condition I must give my most earnest commendation to those who have gone before me for the able and efficient manner in which our Relief Fund and the work attendant upon it, have been conducted. A Lodge may be measured wholly and completely by the manner in which it conducts its relief activities, and if this measure be used for Paul Revere Lodge, then shall we indeed be one of the outstanding Lodges in the entire State of New York, for we measure up to any standard that may be set in this particular endeavor.

LODGE REPRESENTATION

One of the most pleasing, yet at the same time most arduous duties, that devolve upon a Master is that of representation of the Lodge outside of the lodge room, and to this duty I have attended with great fidelity. In May I attended each day at the Grand Lodge Communication at Masonic Hall, and there listened with a great deal of respectful attention to the inspiring message of our Grand Master. Later I visited that great Masonic shrine at Utica, the Home and Asylum. No greater work was ever promulgated or carried on than that of the Home at Utica. The buildings and grounds, together with the activities, were a revelation to me and gave me a new and more beautiful viewpoint on Masonry as a whole. Throughout the year I have attended at the various Lodges in the District upon the occasion of the official visits of our District Deputy and there gave ear to his most enlightening and interesting messages delivered in each of these Lodges. On another occasion I was invited to attend at Obed Lodge in Poughkeepsie and there gave them a word illustration of the manner in which we had established and built up our Relief Fund. One of the happiest things that I have to report

to you tonight is the fact that as a result of my visit and talk in Obed Lodge, they have started a Relief Fund, which they never had before, and that they already have \$2,500 contributed towards it. It was also my pleasure to have made suggestions to them and to have dictated a draft for the purpose of amending their By-Laws to meet the situation of establishing this Relief Fund.

SEVENTH DISTRICT CAMP

All the activities incident to the conduct and operation of the Seventh District Camp, the great and glorious project of our District, I need hardly call to your attention, for many times during the year you have had addresses and communications indicating the remarkable growth and progress of this work. Nevertheless it is necessary that Paul Revere Lodge look well to its laurels in this particular matter for other Lodges have far outstripped us in their donations and interest in the Camp. Much effort and time have been expended among us all to arouse us to a point where we might understand and appreciate the greatness of the task to which the Seventh District has dedicated itself, and it is my earnest hope and wish that the Brethren will really awaken to the needs and necessities of this project and give to it that real and genuine support to which it is entitled.

PAST MASTERS

The Past Masters of the Lodge have again demonstrated to me and to the Lodge their all-inspiring love and interest in Lodge activities and projects. They have been of immense aid and assistance to me throughout the year. No task was too great, no request too onerous, and in joining their ranks it will be my privilege to attempt, in my humble way, to emulate the example set by them in this past year, an example which was marked with a sincere desire on their part to render real service to the Lodge, and to place Lodge duties first in their hearts.

Worshipful Brother Harry L. Biow, our Senior Past Master, has ever been my loyal friend and an ardent supporter of Lodge activities. He was the only one of the Past Masters who accompanied me on the memorable trip to Obed Lodge in Poughkeepsie, and I desire to extend to him my heartfelt thanks and appreciation for all of his efforts both in and out of the Lodge throughout the year.

Right Worshipful Brother J. Moe Cohen, that indefatigable worker who knows no rest when Paul Revere Lodge is concerned, is likewise deserving of the highest commendation and praise for all of his activities during the year. His readiness to help at all times, his helpful suggestions, and his real Masonic ability are things for which I am thankful and of which Paul Revere Lodge should be proud.

Worshipful Brother Charles D. William, quiet, but exceedingly active, worker for Paul Revere Lodge, is never found wanting in any duty assigned to or requested of him, always present at Lodge openings and ever ready to lend a helping hand to the Master on all occasions.

And so with all of our Past Masters. A particular word of commendation is due each of them: To Worshipful Brother Herbert D. Weill for his steady and regular attendance at Lodge meetings and his helpful suggestions to the Master; to Worshipful Brother Lou Kurz a particular word of commendation for the very able, efficient and competent manner in which he edited some of our more recent Lodge notices. They were of great aid in bringing the members to the Lodge and in bringing to the members the news of the Lodge. I am particularly thankful to Brother Lou for this exceptional work. To Worshipful Brother David Lippman I am thankful for his guidance and helpfulness; to Worshipful Brother Ben Lieberman through whose efforts we were able to procure the Fire Square Club Team, and for his able rendition of the Third Degree on the night of their visit; to Worshipful Brother Samuel I. Hartman for his splendid oratorical ability

and helpful suggestions; to Worshipful Brother Maurice L. Abrams, always at my hand, ready to aid in any endeavor or project that I might put forth, and acting as a true advisor at every opportunity; to Worshipful Brother Joseph Getz, for his exceptional work in connection with the Seventh District Camp, and for his aid and assistance in establishing in Paul Revere Lodge what has come to be known as the best accounting system in any Masonic Lodge; to Worshipful Brother Alexander S. Natanson for his many helpful suggestions; and to Worshipful Brother Charles G. Bernstein for his exceptionally arduous work as Chairman of the Membership Board.

JUNIOR OFFICERS

The splendid co-operation and assistance of all of my Junior Officers has been a thing of joy and pride to me. Particularly do I desire to give the highest commendation to our Senior Warden Brother Carl Pack. He has officiated in the East on many occasions throughout the year, conferring the three Degrees in a most capable and efficient manner. He has always been ready, willing and able to step into my place whenever the occasion arose, and each time has conducted himself in a most splendid fashion reflecting credit not only upon himself, but upon Paul Revere Lodge. He has displayed that knowledge, intelligence, ability, stamina and poise which should call forth from the members of Paul Revere Lodge the highest praise, and his work has stamped him as a man and a Mason fit to occupy and fill most satisfactorily the Master's station in the East.

Our Junior Warden, Brother Charles Axelrod, has likewise shown his ability as a ritualist; but better still, as Chairman of the Entertainment Committee he has conducted the social activities of Paul Revere Lodge in a most capable manner. My words of praise of him cannot be too high for I know of the arduous work which he has put in on the affairs of Paul Revere Lodge. No Brother has ever been more sincere

or more earnest in his efforts to bring to the Brethren of Paul Revere Lodge, enjoyment and pleasure by means of social activities. My thanks to you, Brother Charlie, coupled with the wish that Paul Revere may have the pleasure of having you with us for many years to come.

Brother Benjamin J. Rabin, our Senior Deacon, has demonstrated beyond all question of a doubt that he possesses that character, that ability, which stamps him as a man above the average. His Middle Chamber Lecture was well rendered, but more than that, his ability to talk on a subject at a moment's notice and carry it through in the most praiseworthy manner was the thing which made him stand out. Many will undoubtedly recall his extemporaneous presentation of the Bibles upon two occasions, and how masterfully he handled his subject; always seeking to advance the interests of the Lodge, I bespeak for Brother Ben success in Masonic life as he has achieved success in private life.

All of our Junior Officers, including Brother Monroe L. Bach, our Junior Deacon, Brother Abe Kaufman, our Senior Master of Ceremonies, Brother Edward Sass, Brother William M. Pearlman, Brother Ben Brown and Emanuel Spiegel have conducted the duties of their office in an able, efficient and competent manner, and are deserving of every consideration from the members of Paul Revere Lodge. May I also say a word of praise for Brother Frederick J. Bock at the organ, always ready and on the job at the right moment, as well as Brother Charlie Carton who has given the utmost satisfaction.

Few indeed are aware of the vast amount of work that is accomplished for Paul Revere Lodge by our beloved Treasurer Isidore Kreielsheimer; always on the job; always willing to give aid and assistance; always helpful with suggestions, ever watchful that the Treasury should not be mulct of funds unnecessarily; ready to do any and everything to aid the Master and benefit the Lodge. I desire to express to Brother Dory

my heartfelt thanks and appreciation. No man ever had a more staunch supporter, a more loyal friend than have I in the person of our Treasurer.

Our Secretary, Brother William Kreielsheimer has indeed been loyal and helpful at all times, giving of his time upon any call, and performing his duties with a capability and efficiency unsurpassed in any Lodge in the metropolitan district.

SIDELINERS

In giving expression of my thankfulness and gratitude to the many officers who contributed to the success of the Lodge during the past year, I do not wish to overlook at this time the many, many men on the sidelines who have given of their time and effort for the benefit of the Lodge, and in this respect may I, at this time, direct the particular attention of the Brethren of Paul Revere Lodge to one among us who has labored most industriously, and with heart and soul, to make our Lodge's social functions the great social successes that they were. The work in connection with the building and operation of a social function, I have said before is arduous and calls for the expenditure of much time and labor, and I cannot but recognize at this time the very worthy efforts of Brother Herbert L. Kreielsheimer in this respect. Devoted to his home and his business, he nevertheless found time, and much time at that, to conduct the office of Secretary to the Entertainment Committee in a manner which was most complimentary. I know of the many hours he spent with our Junior Warden in making plans and making arrangements, taking care of the reservations and correspondence, printing tickets and the thousand and one details in connection with our social affairs. Added to that he has always been ready to aid and assist me whenever I called upon him. I therefore take this opportunity of giving to him an expression of my especial gratitude, esteem, respect and affection, and I will ask Brother Herbert and Brother Charles Axelrod to step West of the Altar for a moment. (Presentation to each brother of gift from the Lodge.)

Another man on the sidelines whose work has never been particularly noticed, but nevertheless was highly appreciated by me, was that of Brother Max D. Leavy. I desire to express to him my appreciation for his regular attendance at meetings, his readiness to step into the various stations and to assist me at all times in conducting the Lodge and its activities in a most able and efficient manner, and I might go on and add name after name did space permit, for there are many on the sidelines who are deserving of praise and commendation. For instance George R. Bernstein, Bert Weil, Max Cohen and many others. Suffice it to say that I thank you each and every one for all that you have done during this past year.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion let me state that my incumbency in this office has instilled within me a genuine love for all my Brothers in Paul Revere Lodge. I have made many new friends while in this station, and I appreciate most sincerely the honor conferred upon me in my election to this most important office. I hope and trust that I have fulfilled my duties to the entire and complete satisfaction of every Brother. No act of mine was ever performed with malice. It has been my earnest endeavor to do things which I thought were right and proper to do for the best interests of the Lodge. I entered upon my duties with that thought in mind, and I continued throughout the year with the same thought. I believe in my heart that I have done all of the things that I set out to do, and with that belief I leave this station with ease of mind and free of care. May the blessings of Heaven rest upon you, my Brothers. May brotherly love prevail and may joy, contentment, good health and prosperity attend you always.

Sincerely and fraternally,

ALBERT E. SCHWARTZ.

Master.