

## PETOSKEY CARNEGIE LIBRARY

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### OFFICIAL START OF CARNEGIE LIBRARY

#### **Formal Launching of a Splendid Project. Streets Packed with People, Who witness Impressive Ceremony of Laying Cornerstone.**

If the day, the weather and the general environments had been specially planned and ordered for the occasion it is doubtful if they could have been more perfect and ? than they were yesterday, on the occasion of the laying of the Carnegie Library building cornerstone. Everything was as near ideal as it was possible to have them, and more than 2,000 persons packed all the surrounding space about the library site to witness the ceremony.

The line of march was inspiring and proved the great interest taken in the movement by all classes of people.

Headed by the band, which was in prime condition and seemed to partake of the general enthusiasm of the event, the handsome Knights Templar, in their nodding plumes; the Masonic Grand Lodge officers, in carriages, and about the best of all a large procession of school children, the greatest beneficiaries of the noble institution that was being given such an auspicious start.

At the building the Michigan Masonic Grand Lodge officers, with President E.E. Gilbert, of the library board; Mayor Dirk DeRuitter and City Attorney B.H. Halstead, acting as most worthy grand architect, as assistants, took charge of the ceremonies, which were perfection itself.

There was a song by a male quartet of Petoskey people, a prayer by Rev. W.J. Wilson of the First M.E. church, and a magnificent address by Rev. W. J. W. Bedford-Jones of Emmanuel Episcopal church, which has been most favorably commented upon all over the city.

The following documents and articles were enclosed within a sealed iron casket and deposited within the stone;

History of the establishment of the Petoskey public library; names of the architects and contractors; population of the city of Petoskey and name of the postmaster; names of the mayor,

common council and city officers; names of the school board; names of the public library board and librarian; names of the members of the library building committee; name of the superintendent of library construction; names of the persons who have contributed to the library building fund, viz.: Andrew Carnegie, Lelia L. Johnson, First Methodist Episcopal church, the city of Petoskey; names of the superintendent of the public schools, and all the teachers and instructors; officers of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the state of Michigan; officers of Durand Lodge, No. 344, F. & A. M., of Petoskey; name of the president of the United States and name of the governor of the state of Michigan; one copy of the Petoskey Evening News of the issue of September 24, 1908; one copy of the Petoskey Record of September 23, 1908; tools and symbols of the Masonic craft.

The library board and all connected therewith are deserving of and are receiving much praise not only for the exercises of Friday, but for the manner in which the work of the library has been managed, and much credit is due President Gilbert, whose persistent efforts have been largely instrumental in bringing about these magnificent results.

Following are the names of the grand lodge officers of Michigan F. & A. M., who were present and conducted the work:

Most Worshipful Grand Master Herbert Montague, Right Worthy Deputy Grand Master Arthur M. Hume, Right Worthy Senior Grand Warden Roscoe Swift, Right Worthy Junior Grand Warden James E. Dillon, Right Worthy Grand Treasurer William Wente, Right Worthy Grand Secretary Lou B. Winsor, Right Worthy Grand Lecturer Frank O. Gilbert, Right Worthy Grand Chaplain William H. Gallagher, Worthy Junior Deacon Francis D. Drake, Worthy Grand Marshal William M. Perett, Grand Tiler James F. McGregor

Such events as these are an education not only to the rising generation, but to many older ones who have never been privileged to witness such things nor to know their significance...