

THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY

Bayse Newcomb Lodge

No. 745, G. & A. M.

1926



1963

TUESDAY, JUNE FOURTH

NINETEEN HUNDRED and SIXTY-THREE

Grand Banquet Hall

Masonic Temple, Philadelphia

Greetings

ON OUR THIRTY SEVENTH ANNIVERSARY NOT OF COPPER BUT OF GOLD

Thirty seven years ago
We were founded by a dream
Warming to a constant glow; swirling to a wondrous gleam.

As we look a little back,
Pride and comfort is our base.
We must then look on ahead
Lo, beyond, there stands a plaque,
Written o'er for all to trace,
"Masonry has rightly said,
'Brotherhood of man shall spread'."

We shall prosper, we shall grow,
As our founders based their scheme:—
Sift the problems to and fro; then we strengthen every beam.

As the rain doth freshen flowers,
Yet can groove the stubborn granite
So our creed doth give us blind
All its native, quiet powers
To refresh and groove the spirit
Deeper than the outer rind
With eternal goals in mind.

We must dare to forge the link
For eternal brotherhood
Though our present is a wink; every present must bring good,

Love can not allay our hunger
Roses can not please the ear
Neither violins the nose,
But, on matching one the other,
Time will compensate us clear
Honest pride with humble pose
Actions of our own we chose.

Great the tasks, though e'er so small
Each with opportunities
Each of them must greater hold
Spirit high and stature tall
Keeping with realities
For the future sparkling mold
Not of copper but of GOLD.

Irwin Berk
Worshipful Master

History of Bayse Newcomb

Bayse Newcomb—Born March 5, 1780. Place unknown.

Son of Bayse and Hannah Bower Newcomb, who originated in New England and later settled in New Jersey.

Admitted to the Philadelphia Bar 1804.

Bayse Newcomb Lodge No. 745 Free and Accepted Masons, takes its name from Past Right Worshipful Grand Master Bayse Newcomb, Jr., who served the Pennsylvania Masonic Jurisdiction as such from December 27th, 1817 to December 27th, 1821, a period of four years.

Petitioned Washington Lodge No. 59 on September 8, 1807, (Bayse Newcomb Jr. No Address).

Initiated September 27, 1807.

Passed October 11, 1807.

Raised November 24, 1807.

Appointed Secretary December 8, 1807 for 6 months.

Reappointed each succeeding 6 months until January 10, 1810.

At that time 13 members resigned to form St. John's Lodge No. 115. Washington Lodge No. 59 unanimously recommended their application to the Grand Lodge.

By this withdrawal Washington Lodge lost 3 Past Masters and several active and energetic members among others its late Secretary Brother Bayse Newcomb, Jr., who was afterwards elected Right Worshipful Grand Master and served from 1817 to 1821.

At the time St. John's Lodge No. 115 was constituted, Bayse Newcomb, Jr. was installed as Senior Warden and served in that office from February 1810 to June 1810.

Worshipful Master June 1810 to June 1811.

Treasurer December 7 1812 to December 2, 1823.

Resigned as Treasurer of St. John's Lodge No. 115 and from that body December 2, 1823. (No record of any other Blue Lodge affiliation.)

Senior Grand Deacon of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, January 4, 1813 to December 27, 1813 and from December 27, 1813 to December 5, 1814.

Right Worshipful Senior Grand Warden, December 5, 1814 to December 27, 1815.

Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, December 27, 1815 to December 27, 1817.

Right Worshipful Grand Master, December 27, 1817 to December 27, 1821.

ELECTED OFFICERS

A. D. 1963

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DAVID PARKER
Senior Warden



JEROME PARK
Junior Warden



IRWIN BERK
Worshipful Master



JOSEPH FREEMAN, P. M.
Secretary



MEYER J. FREIBERG, P. M.
Treasurer