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A NEW LODGE – Fine Installation Ceremonies – K. of M., Last Night – Black Degree Team – Officers of Brotherly Love Commandery Installed – Presentation of a Jewel

Marcus Hook's new lodge, Brotherly Love Commandery, No. 146 of the Ancient and Illustrious Order, Knights of Malta was instituted last evening in Cutler's Hall, Third and Kerlin Streets, Chester. The new lodge was conveyed to and from Chester in a special trolley car which left the borough at 7 o'clock, and returned at five o'clock this morning.

Grand Recorder George H. Pierce assisted by Deputy Grand Commander R. John Shoemaker exemplified the work of the twelve degrees, installed the officers and stationed the new commandery, being assisted by a full degree team.

The following were the officers installed: Commander, Rev. William R. B. Chalfant; captain general, E. O. Burrell; prelate, William T. Jones; recorder, W. H. Baker; treasurer, J. G. Chambers; senior warden, Andrew Mahia; junior warden, S. I. Burton; standard bearer, W. B. Glenn; sword bearer, Frank Jones; first guard, John Bullock; second guard, Peter Durham; warden, Alexander Frazier; sentinel, G. L. Wiegand; trustees, W. H. Potter, George W. Green, Frank Jones.

There were fifty-one candidates who appeared and about twelve others were unable to be present. They will meet in the new Borough Hall on Friday evenings until March 25th when they will no doubt change to some other evening.

The following officers were in charge of the Black degree, or working degree of the order: Commander, R. John Shoemaker; D.G.C. Generalissimo, Frank Gray, P. C.; captain general A.B. Jones, P.C.; prelate, John W. Harrison, S.K.C.; recorder H.D. Miller, R.E.G.R.; senior warden, Richard Thomas; junior warden, Frank W. Harrison; warden, Allen G. McCann; sentinel, John C. Pyle, D.G.C.; standard bearer, William H. Potter, P. C.; sword bearer, Thomas W. Monid, G.S.B.; first guard, William Irwin; second guard, Charles Guy; senate artists, J.B. James and William H Dean; organist, William Denmore.

About midnight lunch of hot coffee, sandwiches and cigars was served.

There were present members from Golden Gate 101, Melita 112, Elam 122, Holy Cross 21, and about sixty from Oriental 206.

During the meeting George W. Green was accorded the honors of Past Commander, and afterwards on behalf of the Commandery, Sir Knight Commander William B. Chalfant presented Companion Green with a beautiful Past Commander's jewel. Mr. Green replied with a few well-chosen remarks in which he thanked the members not only for their gift, but for the honors conferred.