


Thomas Lawrence McNelley Biographical Sketch
(B 1855 Cleveland, OH; D 1936 Chicago, IL)

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THOS. L. McNELLEY, P. G.

Bro. Thos. Lawrence McNelley is a native of the Buckeye state, being born at Cleveland, Ohio, in 1856, and his boyhood was spent in that state, coming to Chicago in 1883, where he entered the employ of the Adams Express Co. and later becoming a commission salesman for the Quaker Biscuit Co. Bro. McNelley is married and has two sons and one daughter and resides at 2569 Fullerton Ave. Bro. McNelley united with Eagle Lodge, Feb. 6, 1900, by initiation and has not missed a half dozen meetings; he is a chronic office holder and untiring worker, serving his apprenticeship in the minor offices, later becoming noble grand; has served two terms as representative to the grand lodge and is at present filling the office of recording secretary for the twelfth consecutive time. Bro. McNelley is warden of Jefferson Council, No. 20, Columbian Knights and commander of Metropolitan tent, K. O. T. M., of which order he has been a member for 17 years.

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ANNIVERSARY.

The 94th anniversary celebration in our hall, April 27th, was marked by small attendance. An excellent program was provided by Bro. Perkins as chairman of the committee, and it is regretted that more members were not present. Addresses by Bro. Jas. Reid, chairman of the meeting, briefly outlining the origin and growth of the order; the Rev. Dr. Young exhorting Friendship, Love and Truth; Mrs. Grace Henry, V. P. of the State Rebekah Assembly, on the Rebekahs and the Orphans and Old People's Home, and Bro. H. M. Blood of Austin Park Lodge on Odd Fellowship were interspersed by a violin solo by Bro. Chas. Lutz, a trio by the Misses Olendorf, Schen and Olendorf, accompanied by Miss Mansion, and piano solo by Miss June Castle.

CHARTER MEMBERS.

Eagle Lodge, No. 402, was instituted in the month of February, 1892, with a charter membership of 30. The following charter members still retain their membership: C. S. Davis, W. E. Irwin, Geo. Holmes, C. Van Der Hoven, Chas. Ellermeyer, Fred Kuhlman, J. N. Gibbons, T. J. Newton, Chas. Porter, J. A. Miller, Fred Pluemer, August Temme, D. F. Watkins and P. G. A. Lager.

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