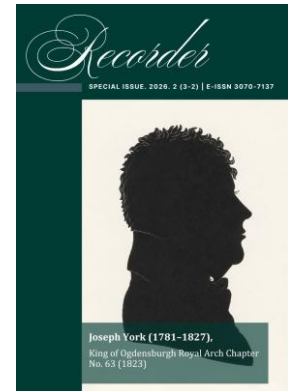




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Ogdensburgh Royal Arch Masons Chapter No. 63 (Ogdensburgh, New York): Foundation, Organization and Membership, 1818–1827

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Abstract

This article examines the early history of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63, Royal Arch Masons, one of the earliest Royal Arch Chapters established in northern New York. The study is based primarily on the unpublished manuscript minutes of the Chapter covering the period from 1818 to 1827. Historical, biographical, and chronological methods were employed to reconstruct the institutional development of the Chapter during its first decade of existence. Particular attention is devoted to the evolution of its administrative structure, financial organization, ritual activity, and system of internal governance. The article also analyzes the composition of the Chapter's officer corps, reconstructs the careers of its principal officers, and identifies a stable leadership group that ensured continuity of administration and effective organizational development. The study demonstrates that, within a relatively short period, the Chapter developed a well-defined system of governance, a structured pattern of advancement through the officer ranks, and a high degree of institutional stability. By introducing previously unpublished archival materials into scholarly circulation, the article substantially expands the documentary basis for the study of early American Royal Arch Masonry and contributes to a deeper understanding of the institutional development of the York Rite in the United States during the first quarter of the nineteenth century.

Keywords: Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63, Royal Arch Masons, Ogdensburgh, New York, 1818–1827, Membership, History.

1. Introduction

Royal Arch Masonry occupies a central place in the history of the York Rite in the United States; however, the early development of many local Chapters remains insufficiently studied. Most existing publications focus on the history of Grand Chapters or prominent Masonic figures, whereas the institutional evolution of individual Chapters has received considerably less scholarly attention. Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63 was one of the earliest Royal Arch Chapters established in northern New York and provides an important case study for examining the formation of local Masonic institutions during the first half of the nineteenth century. This study is based primarily on the unpublished manuscript minutes of the Chapter covering the period from 1818 to 1827. Its purpose is to reconstruct the first decade of the Chapter's history, examine the development of its administrative structure and ritual activity, and analyze the composition and career development of its officers. In doing so, the article contributes to a deeper understanding of the institutional development of American Royal Arch Masonry.

2. Materials and Methods

The present study is based on two groups of historical sources. The first group consists of archival documents preserved in the Archive of Cherkas Global University (Houston, USA). Among these, the most important source is the manuscript volume entitled *Minutes of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63, RAM, 1818–1867* (Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49) (Fig. 1). This archival file contains 145 handwritten minutes covering

the period 1818–1827 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 1–64](#)). It should be noted that, since the documents are handwritten and some portions are difficult to read, the transcription of the names of certain members of the Chapter may contain occasional inaccuracies. The file also includes documents dating from 1849, together with a revised version of the Chapter's Bye Laws ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 65–71](#)). The final section of the file contains the Chapter's financial records for the period 1849–1856 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 75–100](#)).



Fig. 1. Minutes of Ogdensburg Chapter No. 63, RAM 1818–1867 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49](#))

The second group of sources consists of museum artifacts preserved in The Museum of the History of the American Knights Templar (Houston, USA), specifically the Royal Arch officers' jewels ([MHAKT CGU. Collection 3. Badges and Ribbons. Exhibits Nos. 382–389](#)).

Methodologically, the study is based primarily on the historical method, which serves as the principal approach for reconstructing the history of Ogdensburg Chapter No. 63 through the analysis of primary archival sources. In addition, the biographical method was employed to reconstruct the collective biography of the Chapter's leadership. A chronological approach was also applied, allowing the study to be organized according to the chronological sequence of events.

3. Results

1. Minutes of the Communications

The Bye Laws precede the minutes of the communications and constitute the opening section of the manuscript volume.

Bye Laws (Fig. 2)

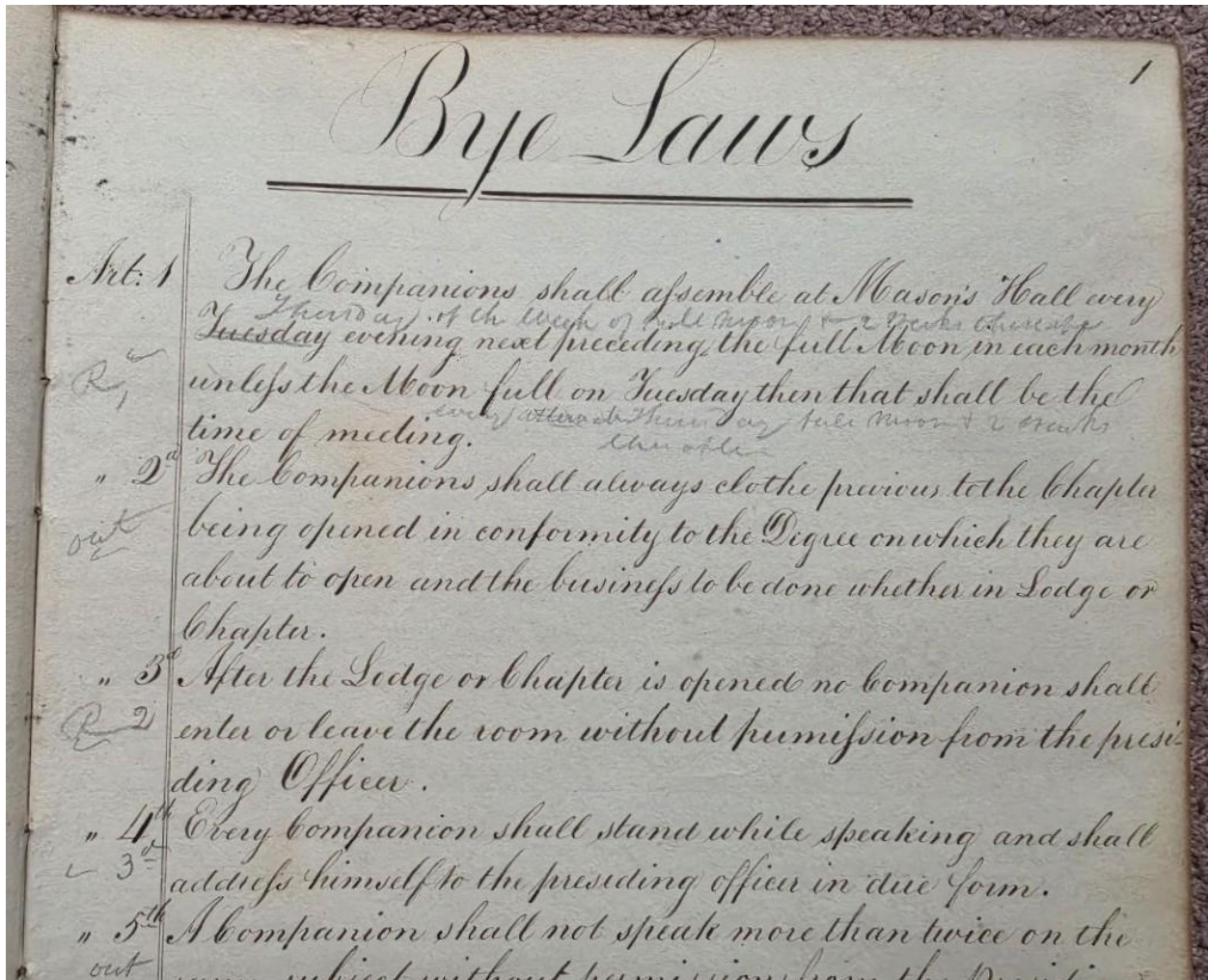


Fig. 2. Bye Laws ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 1-2](#))

Art. 1st

The Companions shall assemble at Masons Hall every Tuesday evening next preceding the full Moon in each month, unless the Moon full on Tuesday then that shall be the time of meeting.

2nd

The Companions shall always clothe previous to the Chapter being opened in conformity to the Degree on which they are about to open and the business to be done whether in Lodge or Chapter.

3rd

After the Lodge or Chapter is opened no Companion shall enter or leave the room without permission from the presiding Officer.

4th

Every Companion shall stand while speaking and shall address himself to the presiding Officer in due form.

5th

A Companion shall not speak more than twice on the same subject without permission from the presiding Officer.

6th

A Companion shall not interrupt the presiding Officer or any other Companion while speaking.

7th

The reports of all committees shall be made in writing.

8th

No visitor shall be allowed to sit in this Chapter unless he is a Royal Arch Mason and regularly received all the preceding degrees and satisfactorily recommended to the Companions present.

9th

If a Member of the Chapter should be expelled or suspended it shall require a vote of two thirds of the members present at a regular communication for his restoration, notice in writing having been given one regular meeting previous of a motion for that purpose.

10th

Every Brother who shall receive the degree of Mark Master in this Chapter shall pay to the Secretary for the time being Five Dollars, for the degree of Past Master Four Dollars, for that of Most Excellent Master for the degree of Royal Arch Mason, Ten Dollars; and for the degree of Royal Arch Mason alone, Sixteen Dollars.

11th

Every member of this Chapter except the Secretary and Tyler shall pay the annual sum of one Dollar, to be paid quarterly to the Secretary.

12th

It shall be the duty of the Tyler to serve all summonses, keep the room in order and make every necessary preparation for the meeting of the Chapter, and for every meeting which he tiles he shall receive one dollar and fifty cents.

13th

The Treasurer of this Chapter shall give bonds for the faithful performance of the duties of his office in such sum as the Chapter may direct at their annual election of officers.

14th

No monies shall be paid by the Treasurer from the funds of the Chapter except on the warrant of the High Priest for the time being, countersigned by the Secretary.

15th

A Companion who has been regularly exalted in a Chapter legally constituted may become a member of this, subject to the same rules as a candidate for advancement, and signing the Bye Laws if admitted and paying to the Secretary one dollar.

16th

All questions relating to the business of the Chapter not heretofore provided for or regulated by the Constitution of the Grand Chapter shall be decided by a majority of votes.

17th

The Secretary shall keep a list of the names of all who are in arrears in quarterly dues and report the same to the Chapter.

18th

That on all applications for advancement or membership there shall be a committee of three members appointed to investigate the character of the petitioner and report at the next regular meeting of the Chapter.

19th

No Companion shall be deemed a member of this Chapter until he has subscribed the Bye Laws.

20th

Every Companion exalted in this Chapter shall be considered a member after having signed the Bye Laws.

Art. 21st

The quarterly dues shall commence and be paid by each member the next quarterly meeting after his admission.

22nd

The quarterly meetings shall be on the Tuesday next preceding the full moon in the months of July, October, January and April in each year.

23rd

All motions or resolutions for altering or enlarging these Bye Laws shall be presented to the Chapter by the mover thereof in writing one regular meeting previous to the same being acted upon.

24th

No ballot shall be taken for the admission of any person as a Member or for the degrees of Masonry in this Chapter, except at a regular communication ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 1-2](#)).

The Bye Laws were signed by 56 Companions (Fig. 3) ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 2-2v](#)).



Fig. 3. List of Members ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 2-2v](#))

1818

At a meeting of R.A. Masons in the Village of Ogdensburgh, Sept. 28th, 1818 (Fig. 4).

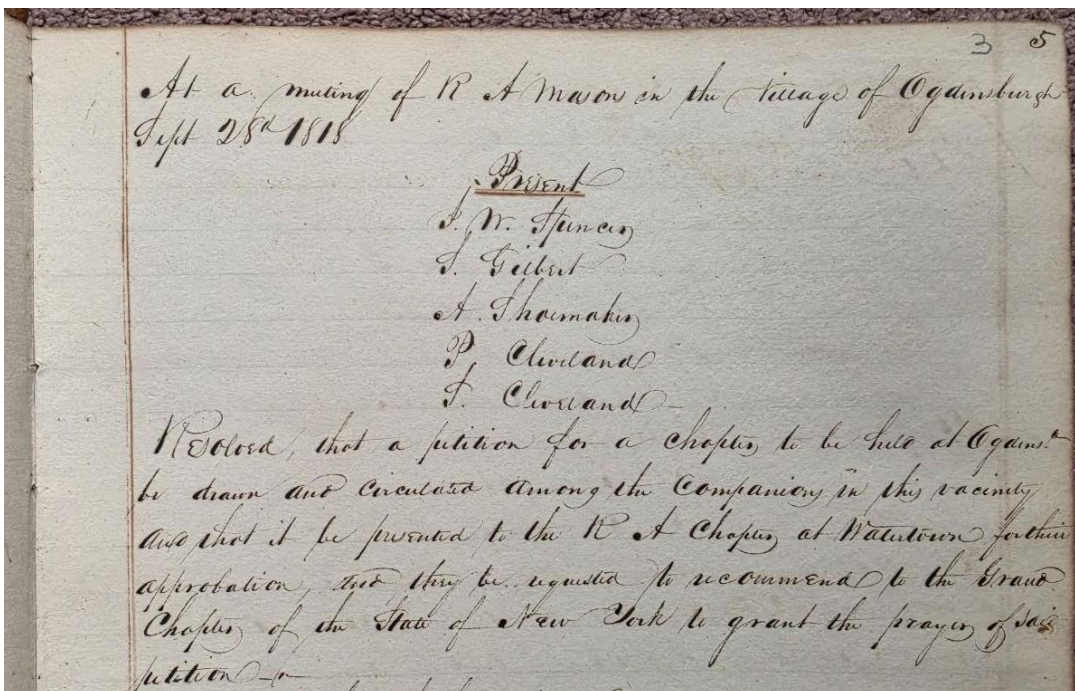


Fig. 4. The first organizational entry. Sept. 28th, 1818 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 3](#))

Present: J. W. Fenno, S. Gilbert, A. Thomaston, P. Cleveland, J. Cleveland.

Resolved, that a petition for a Chapter to be held at Ogdensburgh be drawn and circulated among the Companions in this vicinity, and that it be presented to the R.A. Chapter at Watertown for their approbation, and they be requested to recommend to the Grand Chapter of the State of New York to grant the prayer of said petition.

Resolved, that the following Companions be nominated and named in the petition, viz.: P. Cleveland, H.P.; S. Gilbert, King; A. Bacon, Scribe.

Also that P. Cleveland be requested to use his endeavors while in New York and Albany to obtain a Charter in this place; and should he obtain one, that he be authorized to purchase the necessary clothing, &c. for the Chapter at New York or Albany.

Resolved, that each Companion shall pay an equal proportion of the expenses accruing from the purchase of clothing, furniture, Charter, &c., and that the money be refunded to them out of the first monies which may be received in the Treasury of said Chapter ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 3](#)).

In summary, the events of 1818 demonstrate that the initiative of a local group of Royal Arch Masons in Ogdensburgh, New York, resulted in the preparation of a petition, the designation of the initial corps of officers, the securing of the necessary financial support, and the successful establishment of a new Chapter. This process, which began on September 28, 1818, marked the beginning of the history of one of the oldest Royal Arch Chapters in northern New York State.

1819

No. 1.

At a meeting of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63, by notification held at the office of P. Cleveland, March 23th, 1819.

Present: P. Cleveland, H.P.; S. Gilbert, King; A. Bacon, Scribe; J. Cleveland, Secy. P.T.; J. W. Fenno; P. Houghton; D. Hathaway.

On motion, Resolved that the H. Priest, King and Scribe be a committee to furnish such furniture, jewels, implements and utensils as they may deem proper and necessary for the use of the Chapter, and that they apply to St. Lawrence Lodge for a loan of one hundred dollars, or more if necessary, to defray the expense of said furniture, &c.

On motion, Resolved that the Chapter be installed on Wednesday, the fifth day of May next, and that Companion J. Gray be requested to attend on that day for the purpose of installing the officers of said Chapter.

Resolved that P. Cleveland, S. Gilbert, J. W. Fenno and A. Bacon be a committee to draft the Bye Laws for said Chapter.

Resolved that the meeting stand adjourned until Saturday evening at 7 o'clock P.M. ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 3v](#)).

Thus, one of the matters discussed at the Chapter's first communication was the acquisition of officers' jewels. Today, several Royal Arch officers' jewels are preserved in the Museum of the History of the American Knights Templar (Houston, USA). Among them is the jewel of the High Priest (Fig. 5).



Fig. 5. Jewel of the R.A.M. High Priest ([MHAKT CGU. Collection 3. Badges and Ribbons. Exhibit No. 384](#))

Jewel of the R.A.M. King (Fig. 6).



Fig. 6. Jewel of the R.A.M. King ([MHAKT CGU. Collection 3. Badges and Ribbons. Exhibit No. 382](#))

Jewel of the R.A.M. Captain of Host (Fig. 7).



Fig. 7. Jewel of the R.A.M. Captain of Host ([MHAKT CGU. Collection 3. Badges and Ribbons. Exhibit No. 385](#))

Jewel of the R.A.M. Principal Sojourner (Fig. 8).



Fig. 8. Jewel of the R.A.M. Principal Sojourner ([MHAKT CGU. Collection 3. Badges and Ribbons. Exhibit No. 386](#))

Jewel of the R.A.M. Royal Arch Captain (Fig. 9).



Fig. 9. Jewel of the R.A.M. Royal Arch Captain ([MHAKT CGU. Collection 3. Badges and Ribbons. Exhibit No. 387](#))

Jewel of the R.A.M. First Veil (Fig. 10).



Fig. 10. Jewel of the R.A.M. First Veil ([MHAKT CGU. Collection 3. Badges and Ribbons. Exhibit No. 388](#))

Jewel of the R.A.M. Second Veil (Fig. 11).



Fig. 11. Jewel of the R.A.M. Second Veil ([MHAKT CGU. Collection 3. Badges and Ribbons. Exhibit No. 389](#))

Jewel of the R.A.M. Secretary (Fig. 12).



Fig. 12. Jewel of the R.A.M. Secretary ([MHAKT CGU. Collection 3. Badges and Ribbons. Exhibit No. 383](#))

No. 2.

Agreeable to public notice, a meeting of the Companions and Brethren was convened at Mason Hall on the 27th May A.L. 5819, for the purpose of assisting at the installation of Ogdensburgh Chapter, and after being called to order a procession was formed and retired to the Court House, where a very instructive and appropriate discourse was delivered by the Rev. Amos G. Baldwin, after which our worthy Companion

Palmer Cleveland was duly installed High Priest of the Chapter by Companion A. G. Baldwin, when the High Priest – Eliot officiated as Dep. G.H.P. and installed the following officers of the Chapter, in due form, to wit:

Companion Silvester Gilbert, King.
Companion Amos Bacon, Scribe.
Companion Thomas D. Benedict, Capt. of the Host.
Companion Jared W. Fenno, Principal Sojourner.
Companion Benjamin Hathaway, R.A. Captain.
Companion William Stowell, Grand Master, 3d Veil.
Companion J. Gray, Grand Master, 2d Veil.
Companion J. Dearborn, Grand Master, 1st Veil.
Companion Alin J. Brower, Secretary.
Companion A. Pratt, Treasurer.
Companion Amos Thompson, Tyler.

After the installation the address was delivered by Companion Cleveland to a very respectable and crowded audience, highly interesting and instructive to every Mason, and which must have been gratifying to every unprejudiced and intelligent spectator. A concise but correct history and progress of the Institution was brought into view and clearly elucidated. The several emblems peculiar to the Craft were properly and satisfactorily explained; the benign and happy influences of the Institution in mitigating and ameliorating the evils and misfortunes incident to human life were manifestly made to appear, and those Christian virtues, charity and benevolence, much esteemed by all good Masons, were strongly and earnestly inculcated. The whole of the ceremonies being interspersed by vocal and instrumental music, performed with unusual accuracy and style, the procession was again formed and returned to partake of an elegant dinner provided by Brother Warner ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 3v-4](#)).

No. 3.

At a meeting of the members of Ogdensburgh Chapter convened at Masons' Hall, May 29th, A.L. 5819, Resolved that Companions Gilbert and Spencer be a committee to wait on Mr. Baldwin and express to him the thanks of the Chapter for the very interesting and appropriate discourse delivered on the 27th inst., and that we will present him with thirty dollars as soon as the Chapter are in funds.

Resolved that Companions Bacon and Hathaway be a committee to wait on the vocal and instrumental musicians and convey to them the thanks of the Chapter for their harmonious performances on the 27th inst.

Resolved that Companions Cleveland and Spencer be a committee to wait on Bro. Joseph York and inform him of the very grateful sense in which we view the services he has rendered the Chapter in so faithfully executing all the wishes of the Chapter while in Albany, last winter.

Resolved that Companions Cleveland and Gilbert be a committee to express to Bro. Warner the thanks of the Chapter for the very excellent entertainment furnished by him on the 27th inst ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 4-4v](#)).

No. 4.

At a Communication by notification of Ogdensburgh Chapter, convened at Masons' Hall, June 5th, A.L. 5819.

Present: Palmer Cleveland, H.P.; Silvester Gilbert, King; Amos Bacon, Scribe; Hiram Kingsbury, Treasurer pro tem.; Benjamin Hathaway, R.A. Captain; John Crawford, G.M. of the Third Veil; J. W. Fenno, Secretary; Thomas Cox, Tyler; Simeon Buckingham, Visitor.

A Lodge of Mark Masters was opened in due form.

The petitions of Harvey Church and Lester Buckingham were read, after which ballots were taken and found unanimous in their favor, and after being duly prepared were regularly advanced to the honorary degree of Mark Master Mason.

The petition of Bro. Joseph York, John H. Church and John B. Strong, M.M. Masons, to receive the higher degrees of Masonry was read.

Also a petition from Bro. Abel(?) Jennings, a Mark Master Mason, to receive the higher degrees of Masonry.

Bro. L. Buckingham paid for two seals.

The Lodge was closed in due form ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 4v](#)).

No. 5.

At a meeting of Ogdensburgh Chapter convened at Masons' Hall, April 22nd, A.L. 5819.

Present: P. Cleveland, R.W.M.; S. Gilbert; A. Bacon; J. Gilbert; B. Hathaway; A. Sundburn; J. W. Fenno, Secretary; S. Buckingham, Treasurer pro tem.; S. Barkham, Tyler; Harvey Church; M. Morris, Visiting; Geals (or Seals), Visiting.

Mark Lodge opened in due form.

Proceeded to ballot for Bro. William Warner to the honorary degree of Mark Master Mason, which was unanimous in his favor, and the degree of Mark Master Mason was conferred upon Bro. W. Warner. Fee not paid.

Lodge closed in due form, to stand closed until next Tuesday evening.

Attest: Lester Buckingham, Secretary pro tem ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 5](#)).

No. 6.

Past Masters Lodge opened in due form.

The following brethren were passed to the degree of Past Master Mason, viz.: Bro. A. Kingsbury, H. Church, Lester Buckingham, W. Harris and Bro. York.

Bro. York paid his fee for this degree, \$4, into L. Buckingham.

Adjourned until Tuesday evening.

Lodge closed in due form.

Attest: J. W. Fenno, Secretary pro tem ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 5](#)).

No. 7.

At a meeting of Ogdensburgh Chapter convened at Masons' Hall, July 6th, A.L. 5819.

Present: P. Cleveland, H.P.; J. W. Fenno; A. Bacon; J. W. Fenno; A. Bacon; J. Cox, Treasurer; L. Buckingham, Secretary pro tem.; J. York, R.A.C.; B. Hathaway; W. Harris, Tyler.

Mark Lodge opened in due form, when leave was taken for the advancement of Bro. J. A. Church to receive the honorary degree of Mark Master Mason, which was unanimously in his favor.

Brother John A. Church advanced to the honorary degree of Mark Master Mason. Fee, five dollars.

A question was proposed, which is, whether agreeable to the Bye Laws of the Grand Chapter, a Brother who had not taken the R.A. degree could or could not be permitted to visit a Chapter when opened upon an inferior degree which he had not received, unless it was for the purpose of making further progress in Masonry.

The question was deferred until the next regular Communication.

Adjourned until tomorrow evening at 6 o'clock.

Lodge closed in due form.

Signed, Lester Buckingham, Secretary ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 5-5v](#)).

No. 8.

Most Excellent Masters Lodge opened in due form, when the degree of M.E.M. was conferred on Bros. A. Kingsbury, H. Church, J. A. Church and W. Harris.

Bro. J. A. Church paid his fee for Mark degree, \$5.00.

Lodge adjourned to Tuesday next at 3 o'clock and closed in due form.

Sept. 7th, A.L. 5819.

Signed, J. W. Fenno, Secretary Pro Tem ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 5v](#)).

No. 9.

Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63 convened at Masons' Hall, July 5th, 5819.

Present:

P. Cleveland, H.P.

J. Gilbert, King

A. Bacon, Scribe

J. W. Fenno, P.S.

J. Gilbert, C.H.

B. Hathaway, R.A.C.

P. Cleveland

R. McDowell, Grand Council

A. Graves

A. J. Brower, Secretary Pro Tem.

A. Bacon, Treasurer

Cox, Sentinel

Chapter of Companion R. & Masons opened in due form.

Proceeded and exalted Bro. Lester Buckingham, H. Church and Wm. Harris to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Mason; after which the Chapter was closed in due form, to meet again tomorrow at 5 o'clock for dispatch of business.

Signed, A. J. Brower, Secretary Pro Tem.
First Exaltation ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 5v-6](#)).

No. 10.

At an adjourned meeting of Ogdensburgh Chapter convened at Masons' Hall, 12th July, A.L. 5819.

Present: P. Cleveland, M.E.H.P.; B. Hathaway, King; A. Kingsbury, Scribe; J. Gilbert, C.H.; J. W. Fenno, P.S.; Thomas S. Cox, R.A.C.; J. Cox, 1st Veil; Wm. Harris, 2nd Veil; H. Church, 3rd Veil.

Chapter opened in due form in the R.A. degree.

Bro. Lester Buckingham received the degree of Most Excellent Master in due form. The Lodge was then closed in due form for the purpose of opening a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, which was done in due form.

Brothers John A. Church and Lester Buckingham were exalted to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Mason in due form.

Companion J. A. Church paid fees for three degrees, twenty dollars.

Adjourned to meet again one week from next Tuesday.

Chapter closed in due form.

Signed, J. W. Fenno, Secretary Pro Tem ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 6](#)).

No. 11.

At a meeting of Ogdensburgh Chapter convened at Masons' Hall, July 21st, 5819.

Present: P. Cleveland, R.H.P.; J. Gilbert, King; A. Stewart, Principal Sojourner; J. W. Fenno, Secretary; A. Kingsbury, Tyler; H. Church; J. A. Church; B. Hathaway; W. Warner; H. Howell.

Most Excellent Masters Lodge opened in due form, and Bro. Joseph York was received and acknowledged a Most Excellent Master in due form.

The petition of Brother ___ was taken for religious Brother and found unanimous in his favor.

Adjourned to the next regular communication, two weeks from this day, at 4 o'clock.

Closed in due form ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 6](#)).

No. 12

At a meeting of Ogdensburgh Chapter, Aug. 10th, 5819.

Present: W. Howell, R.W.M.; J. W. Fenno; A. Bacon; H. Church, Treasurer; B. Hathaway; A. Kingsbury, R.A.C.; W. Warner, Tyler.

Mark Lodge opened in due form.

There being no business before the Lodge, the Lodge adjourned to meet two weeks from this day at 4 o'clock P.M.

Lodge closed in due form.

Signed, J. W. Fenno, Secretary Pro Tem ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 6v](#)).

No. 13

At a Regular Communication of Ogdensburgh Chapter convened at Masons' Hall, Sept. 7th, 5819.

Present: Bro. P. Cleveland, R.H.P.; J. W. Fenno, Principal Sojourner; B. Hathaway, Treasurer pro tem.; J. Gilbert, Secretary pro tem.; T. Cox, R.A. Captain; A. Kingsbury, R.A. Captain pro tem.; B. Houghton, Tyler; H. Church.

Mark Masters Lodge opened in due form.

Brothers P. Cleveland, A. Bacon and J. W. Fenno were appointed a committee to draft a Code of Bye Laws and report at the next meeting of the Chapter.

Adjourned to meet on Friday next at 4 o'clock P.M.

Lodge closed in due form.

Signed, J. W. Fenno, Secretary Pro Tem ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 6v](#)).

No. 14

Extra Communication, Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63.

Sept. 10th, A.L. 5819.

Present: Companion J. Gilbert, M.E.H.P.; A. Graves, King; A. Kingsbury, Scribe; J. A. Church, C.H.; J. W. Fenno, Principal Sojourner; A. Bacon, Treasurer; B. Houghton, Tyler; Amos J. Brower, Secretary Pro Tem.; J. Gilbert; A. Graves; A. Kingsbury; J. Crawford, Visitor.

Charles Graves, in due form, was introduced and exalted to Royal Arch by the authority of a Dispensation.

Companion York was appointed Treasurer pro tempore.

Mr. Geo. Gilbert was appointed to procure the By-Laws then brought forward in the affirmative from the first to the last article.

Companion T. B. Houghton was elected Tyler.

Resolved, That the Clerk furnish three or more editions of the General Grand Chapter Proceedings and transmit one thereof to the members in objection thereto.

Chapter closed in due form.

Signed, C. O. Browne, Secretary Pro Tem ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 6v-7](#)).

No. 15.

At a regular Communication of Ogdensburgh Chapter convened at Masons' Hall, October 26th, A.L. 5819.

Present: P. Cleveland, R.W.H.P.; J. W. Fenno, King; J. Gilbert, Scribe; Mr. Price; David Rhoades; Bro. McCarter;

Bro. Appleton.

Mark Masters Lodge opened in due form.

Pursuant to the last communication, the committee appointed to revise the By-Laws reported the same with several amendments. The report, together with the By-Laws, was unanimously accepted by the Mark Masters Lodge.

The Royal Arch Chapter being opened, a committee was appointed to revise the By-Laws and report at the next regular communication.

The Chapter then adjourned to meet on Thursday evening next at 6 o'clock.

Chapter closed in due form ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 7](#)).

No. 16

Extra Communication, Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63.

Oct. 28th, A.L. 5819.

Present:

P. H. Cleveland, H.P.

J. W. Fenno, K.

Amos Bacon, S.

Thos. Price, P.S.

J. Houghton, R.A.C.

Comp. J. Brown, G.M. 3d V.

Gilbert, G.M. 2d V.

J. Houghton, G.M. 1st V.

J. Haveland, Treasurer.

Mark Masters Lodge opened in due form.

Bro. York paid in the appropriation made by the first article.

The petition of Bro. Caleb Nichols, who had received the ceremonial of the Most Excellent degree, was read and referred to a committee.

Companion P. H. Hattery (?) and Bro. Houghton were appointed a committee to draft a dispensation for Bro. Brown's Chapter.

Several brethren were recommended in said Chapter.

The Special Grand High Priest was instructed to issue a communication for an Extra Communication.

Chapter closed in due form.

Signed, A. Browne, Secretary ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 7v](#)).

No. 17

Extra Communication, Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63.

Nov. 23rd, 5819.

Present:

P. H. Cleveland, M.E.H.P.

J. W. Fenno, K.

Amos Bacon, S.

A. Haveland, Treasurer.

J. Houghton, P.S.

H. Church, R.A.C.

J. Brown.

A. Graves.

Wm. Harris.

J. Houghton.

A. Church.

James Penney, Visitor.

Mark Masters Lodge opened in due form.

Proceeded to confer the degree of Mark Master Mason on Bro. James Howard, which was done in due form. Fees, five dollars, to be paid by Bro. A. Kingsbury.

Lodge closed in due form.

Signed, Jos. York, Secretary Pro Tem ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 7v-8](#)).

No. 18.

At a Regular Communication of Ogdensburgh Chapter convened at Masons' Hall, Nov. 30th, 5819.

Present: Companion Palmer Cleveland, R.H.P.; Silvester Gilbert, King; Amos Bacon, Scribe; Joseph York, Treasurer pro tem.; J. W. Fenno, Secretary pro tem.; B. Hathaway, R.A. Captain; A. Kingsbury, 3d Veil; B. Houghton, Tyler; Harvey Church; J. A. Church; W. Warner; C. J. Brower.

Mark Masters Lodge opened in due form.

The Chapter proceeded to choose officers for the ensuing year, and after counting the votes the following were chosen:

Companion Silvester Gilbert, M.E.H.P.

Companion Joseph York, Scribe.

Companion Amos Bacon, King.

Companion Abram Kingsbury, Captain of the Host.

Companion J. W. Fenno, Principal Sojourner.

Companion Harvey Church, Royal Arch Captain.

Companion Wm. Warner, Grand Master of the First Veil.

Companion J. A. Church, Grand Master of the Second Veil.

Companion C. J. Brower, Grand Master of the Third Veil.

Companion C. J. Brower, Secretary.

Companion B. Hathaway, Treasurer.

Companion B. Houghton, Tyler.

Voted unanimously that the Treasurer-elect of the Chapter give bond to the amount of five hundred dollars for the faithful performance of his duties.

The officers elected were then all installed into their respective offices in due form.

Resolved, that Bro. Barker be the Treasurer of Canada, to be absent until the next regular communication of this Chapter.

Companion Stevens & Brother ... were appointed a committee to investigate the character of those persons.

Comp. York gave notice that he had taken the chair.

Committee appointed: Bros. Barker and J. Brown.

Signed, C. J. Brower, Secretary ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 8-8v](#)).

No. 19.

Extra Communication, Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63.

Dec. 7th, A.L. 5819.

Present:

Bro. Gilbert, H.P. pro tem

J. Bacon.

J. Price.

B. Houghton, Treasurer.

J. Church.

J. Kingsbury.

P. H. Cleveland.

Mark Masters Lodge opened in due form.

The initiation of Mr. H. Smith to receive the degree of Mark Master Mason.

R.H.P. J. Gilbert.

J. York.

The communication was interrupted, the character of the above gentleman being called in question.

Signed, C. J. Brower, Secretary ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 8v](#)).

No. 20.

Regular Communication of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63 convened at Masons' Hall, Dec. 28th, A.L. 5819.

Present: R.W. Silvester Gilbert, M.E.H.P.; Bro. Amos Bacon, K.; Bro. Joseph York, S.; Bro. J. W. Fenno, Secretary Pro Tem.; Bro. B. Hathaway, Treasurer; Bro. J. A. Church, R.A.C.; Bro. A. Kingsbury, C.H.; Bro. B. Houghton, Tyler; Bro. Howard; Bro. P. Cleveland.

A Lodge of Mark Masters was opened in due form.

The committee appointed to investigate the characters of Bros. S. W. Smith and B. Nichols reported in their favor, whereupon Bro. Nichols first, and then Bro. Smith, received the degree of Mark Master Mason in due form.

The Mark Masters Lodge was closed, and a Lodge of Past Masters opened, when Bros. Smith, Howard and B. Nichols were respectively installed and took the chair.

The petition of Bro. Samuel Hoffman, W. H. Kellogg, was read and ordered to lie over.

J. W. Fenno, H. Church and B. Houghton were appointed a committee to report on the same.

Voted that Bros. S. Gilbert and P. Cleveland be a committee to devise the best means to raise money to meet the amount due from the Chapter to Bro. Ames of Albany.

Companion A. Graves was balloted for to become a member of this Chapter and found unanimous in his favor.

Voted that the Chapter procure a seal and that the device be a star with "Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63" encircling it, and that the explanation be recorded by the Grand Secretary in the records.

Voted that Bros. J. W. Fenno and J. Gilbert be a committee to make out the returns to the Grand Chapter ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 9](#)).

The year 1819 marked the organizational formation of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63. Whereas 1818 had been devoted primarily to the initiative of establishing the Chapter, during 1819 it developed a stable administrative structure, acquired regalia and other property, began the regular conferral of degrees upon candidates, established a sound financial system, and became a fully functioning component of the Royal Arch Masonry of the State of New York. At the same time, the records make it possible to trace the Masonic career of Joseph York, who, in less than a year, advanced from a candidate for the Capitular degrees to one of the Chapter's principal officers.

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No. 21.

Regular Communication of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63 convened at Masons' Hall, Jan. 25th, A.L. 5820.

Present: M.E.H.P. Silvester Gilbert; Bro. Amos Bacon, S.W.; A. Kingsbury, P.W.M.; B. Hathaway, Treasurer; C. J. Brower, Secretary; H. Church, R.A. Captain; A. Graves, Third Veil; B. Houghton, Tyler; William Warner; Benj. Nichols, Junior; Visiting Brethren; Bro. Quimby; H. Brethren; Wm. Austin; J. W. Smith.

A Lodge of Mark Master Masons was opened in due form.

The committee appointed to investigate the characters of Brothers Samuel Robbins and W. Kellogg reported in favor of the candidates, upon which ballots were taken and found unanimous in their favor, when Bro. Kellogg received the honorary degree of Mark Master Mason in due form.

The Mark Masters Lodge was closed, and a Lodge of Past Masters opened in due form. Bro. Kellogg passed the chair.

Past Lodge closed in due form.

Signed, C. J. Brower, Secretary ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 9v](#)).

No. 22.

Extra Communication of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63 convened at Masons' Hall, Feby. 4th, A.L. 5820.

Present: M.E.H.P. Silvester Gilbert; Bro. Wm. Howell, P.W.M.; Bro. Amos Bacon, P.W.M.; H. Church, M.C.; A. Kingsbury, T.C.; Bro. J. A. Church, S.C.; C. J. Brower, Secretary; B. Hathaway, Treasurer; B. Houghton, Tyler; J. W. Fenno.

A Lodge of Most Excellent Masters was opened in due form.

The petition of Bro. G. A. Emerson to receive the higher degrees of Masonry was read.

M.E.H.P. Gilbert and Bro. Amos Bacon were appointed a committee to investigate the character of the above petitioner.

When Bro. Howard Kellogg was accepted and received a Most Excellent Master.

The Lodge was closed in due form.

Bro. A. B. Kellogg and J. ___ were then admitted for conferring the degree of Mark Master ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 9v](#)).

No. 23.

Regular Communication of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63 convened at Masons Hall, Feby. 25th, A.L. 5820.

Present:

R.W. S. Gilbert.

Bro. A. Bacon.

Bro. J. W. Hunnex.

Bro. A. Kingsbury.

Bro. H. Church.

Bro. W. Church.

Bro. C. J. Brower, Secretary.

Bro. B. Hathaway, Treasurer.

Bro. B. Houghton, Tyler.

Bro. P. Cleveland.

Lodge of Mark Masters opened in due form.

The committee appointed to investigate the character of Bro. G. A. Emerson reported in favor of the candidate, upon which ballots were taken and found unanimous in his favor.

Bro. James Robinson and G. A. Emerson received the honorary degree of Mark Master Mason in due form.

Bro. J. Robinson presented the petitions of Bros. Charles Harrison, Joseph Ames and James B. Cummings to receive the higher degrees of Masonry, and the petition of Alpheus Tracy to receive the degrees of Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason.

Bros. J. W. Hunnex, C. J. Brower and A. Bacon were appointed a committee to investigate the characters of the petitioners.

Lodge closed in due form, and a Lodge of Past Masters opened in due form.

When Bro. James Robinson received the degree of Past Master in due form.

Received a petition from Bro. A. Kingsbury for altering the 4th Article of the Bye Laws so as to read instead of show report in writing if one was, shall report thereof.

Received of Bro. James Robinson nine dollars in full of his fees.

Lodge closed in due form.

Received of Bro. A. Graves one dollar for his fee as membership (signed the Bye Laws 25 ult.).

Received of Bro. Will Kellogg seven dollars in full for fees for the degrees of Past Master and Most Excellent Master.

Signed, C. J. Brower, Secretary ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 10](#)).

No. 24

Regular Communication of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63 convened at Masons Hall Feby. 25th A.L. 5820.

Present

R.W. S. Gilbert, R.W.M. Bro. A. Bacon, S.W. Bro. J. W. Hunnex, S.W. Bro. C. J. Brower, Secretary. Bro. A. Kingsbury, M.C. Bro. H. Church, J.C. Bro. W. Church, P.C. Bro. B. Hathaway, Treasurer. Bro. B. Houghton, Tyler. Bro. P. Cleveland.

Mark Lodge opened in due form.

The committee appointed to investigate the character of Brothers G. A. Seymour reported in favor of the candidate, upon which ballots were taken and found unanimous in his favor.

Bro. G. A. Seymour and James Robinson, after being duly prepared, were advanced to the honorary degree of Mark Master Mason in due form ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 10v](#)).

No. 25

Extra Communication of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63 convened at Masons Hall Feby. 28th A.L. 5820.

Present

R.W. S. Gilbert. Bro. A. Bacon, Bro. A. Kingsbury, Bro. H. Church, Bro. A. Graves, Bro. W. Church, Bro. C. J. Brower, Secretary. Bro. B. Hathaway, Treasurer. Bro. B. Houghton, Tyler. Bro. G. A. Seymour.

Lodge of Mark Master Masons opened in due form.

When Bro. John Brotherton, after being duly prepared, was advanced to the honorary degree of Mark Master Mason in due form.

Lodge of Mark Master Masons closed, and a Lodge of Past Masters opened in due form, when Bro. G. A. Seymour was installed and took the Chair.

Lodge of Past Masters closed to meet tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock P.M.

Signed, C. J. Brower, Secretary ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 10v](#)).

No. 26

Extra Communication of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63 convened at Masons Hall, Feby. 29th A.L. 5820.

Present

M.E. S. Gilbert, H.P.

Bro. Amos Bacon.

Bro. John Seymour.

Bro. J. W. Church.

Bro. A. Kingsbury, Senior Sojourner.

Bro. C. J. Brower, Secretary.

Bro. B. Hathaway, Treasurer.

Bro. B. Houghton, Tyler.

Bro. H. Church.

Lodge of Most Excellent Masters opened in due form.

When Bros. Benj. Nichols, J. W. Smith and G. A. Seymour were accepted and received as Most Excellent Masters.

Lodge closed, and a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons opened in due form.

When Bros. Benj. Nichols, J. W. Smith and G. A. Seymour were exalted to the Sublime Degree of Royal Arch Mason.

Chapter closed in due form.

Signed, C. J. Brower, Secretary ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 11](#)).

No. 27

Extra Communication of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63 convened at Masons Hall, March 2nd A.L. 5820.

Present

M.E. S. Gilbert, H.P.

Bro. Amos Bacon.

Bro. Benj. Hathaway.

Bro. A. Kingsbury.

Bro. J. W. Church.

Bro. A. Graves, R.A.C.

Bro. Eastman, Treasurer pro tem.

Bro. G. A. Seymour, Secretary pro tem.

Lodge of Most Excellent Masters opened in due form.

The committee appointed to investigate the character of Bro. Alpheus Fuller reported in favor of the candidate, upon which a ballot was taken and found unanimous in his favor.

The candidate was accordingly prepared and received as a Most Excellent Master.

Bros. Charles Farlan and James Robinson received the above degree at the same time.

Bro. H. Church appeared and took his station as J.T.

Lodge closed, and a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons opened in due form.

When Bros. James Robinson, Charles Farlan and Alpheus Fuller were exalted to the Sublime Degree of Royal Arch Mason.

Chapter closed in due form.

Received from Bro. Charles Farlan — \$22.00.

Received from Bro. James Robinson — \$13.00.

Received from Bro. Fuller — \$13.00 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 11](#)).

No. 22

Extra Communication, Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Convened at Mason Hall, March 1st A.D. 5820

Present

R. M. Atingsbury, H.P.

Br. Amos Bacon.

" G. N. Seymour, S.

" A. Girard.

" H. Church.

" J. K. Church.

" A. J. Brown, Secy.

" B. Hathaway, Treas.

" B. Houghton, [Capt.]

" Samuel Robinson

" Harry Eastman, Visiting

Mark Master Lodge opened in due form.

The Committee appointed to investigate the character of Br. Charles Stanton reported in favor of the candidate, upon which ballots were taken and found unanimous in his favor; and after being duly prepared, received the Hon. Degree of Mark Master Mason in due form.

Lodge of Mark Masters closed and a Lodge of Past Masters opened in due form, when Br. Chas. Stanton was regularly installed and passed the Chair.

Lodge of Past Masters closed in due form.

Signed: A. J. Brown, Sec'y ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 11v](#)).

No. 29

Extra Communication, Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Convened at Mason Hall, March 18th A.D. 5820

Present

R.M. J. Gilbert.

Br. Amos Bacon.

Br. J. W. Spicer.

Br. H. Kingsbury.

Br. A. Girard.

Br. A. J. Brown, Sec'y

Br. B. Hathaway, Treas.

Br. B. Houghton

Visiting Brethren

Br. P. Cleveland

" Enos ...

" A. Thomakis (or Thomas)

" J. Perry

" W. Kinney

Lodge of Past Masters opened in due form.

When Br. John Berthrong was regularly installed and passed the Chair—Lodge of Past Masters closed, and a Lodge of Most Excellent Masters opened in due form, when Br. Berthrong was acknowledged and received as a Most Excellent Master.

Chapter of Comp. R.A. Masons opened in due form, where Br. John Berthrong was exalted to the Sublime Degree of Holy Royal Arch Mason in due form.

Chapter closed in due form.

The Evening made a Return to the Grand Chapter.

Signed: A. J. Brown, Sec'y ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 11v-12](#)).

No. 30

Regular Communication, Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Convened at Mason Hall March 28th A.D. 5820

Present

R.W. J. Gilbert, H.P.

Br. H. Kingsbury.

Br. Amos Bacon.

Br. J. W. Spicer.

Br. G. N. Seymour, P.S.

Br. A. Kingsbury, R.A.C.

Br. A. J. Brown, Sec'y

Br. B. Hathaway, Treas.

Br. B. Houghton, Tyler

Visiting Brethren

Br. Josiah [Perry?]

Mr. Warner

John Berthrong

Lodge of Mark Masters opened in due form.

Rec'd a petition from Br. Rawling Mason to receive the higher degrees of Masonry if found worthy.

Br. G. N. Seymour, A. Bacon and J. W. Spicer were appointed a committee to investigate the character of the above petitioner.

Voted that a warrant be drawn on the Treasury in favor of the R.W. A. J. Favour for the sum of Thirty dollars, advanced him for installing the Chapter.

Rec'd of Br. Benj. Nichol [or Nichols] Seven dollars in part.

Br. Williams is to be the Nine [Veils?] transferred with Br. Benj. Nichol [or Nichols] to be reported by Br. J. W. Spicer.

Voted that the Treasurer pay to the order of the R.W. Master all the monies he may have in his possession for the purpose of discharging certain debts in the city of Albany.

Lodge closed in due form.

Signed: A. J. Brown, Sec'y ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 12](#)).

No. 31

Regular Communication, Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Convened at Mason Hall 25th April A.D. 5820

Present

H.P. H. Kingsbury, H.P.

Br. Amos Bacon.

Br. J. Berthrong.

Br. Silas [Webster?].

Br. J. Perry, P.S.

Br. A. J. Brown, Sec'y

Br. A. Girard, Treasurer

Br. B. Houghton, Tyler

Br. B. Nichols, [Steward]

Br. H. Church

Br. J. W. Spicer

Br. Kellogg

Mark Master Lodge opened in due form.

The committee appointed to investigate the character of Br. Rawling Mason reported in favor of the candidate, upon which ballots were taken and found unanimous in his favor.

Received a petition from Br. Rowland Hatch to receive the higher degrees of Masonry if found worthy.

Br. P. Cleveland, A. Bacon and Comp. A. J. Brown were appointed a committee to investigate the character of the above petitioner.

Br. N. Webster received the honorary degree of Mark Master Mason in due form.

Lodge of Mark Masters closed, and a Lodge of Past Masters opened in due form, when Br. Webster was regularly installed and passed the Chair.

Petition received from Br. Holmes to receive the higher degrees of Masonry if found worthy.

Also a petition from Br. Simeon H. Gage to receive the higher degrees of Masonry.

Br. J. W. Spicer, P. Cleveland and Comp. A. J. Brown were appointed a committee to investigate the character of the above petitioners.

Lodge closed in due form.

Signed: A. J. Brown, Sec'y ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 12v](#)).

No. 32

Regular Communication, Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Convened at Mason Hall May 23rd A.D. 5820

Present

R.W. J. Gilbert

Br. Amos Bacon.

Br. R. York.

Br. A. Titus.

Br. G. N. Seymour, Scribe

Br. H. Church, P.S.

Br. B. Houghton, Tyler

Br. Kellogg

J. Berthrong

A. Kingsbury

J. Howard

Lodge of Mark Masters opened in due form.

When Br. Rawling Webster was received and acknowledged as a Mark Master in due form.

The committee appointed to investigate the character of Br. Holmes reported in favor of the candidate, upon which ballots were taken and found unanimous in his favor.

The report of the committee appointed to investigate the character of Br. Rowland Hatch was received, and the consideration thereof was postponed until our next regular or special communication.

Lodge closed in due form.

Received of Br. J. Robinson, twenty-five cents for his dues.

June 5th, 1820 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 13](#)).

No. 33

Regular Communication, Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Convened at Mason Hall June 20th A.D. 5820

Present

R.W. J. Gilbert, HP.

Br. Amos Bacon.

Br. R. York.

Br. B. Hathaway, Treasurer

Br. J. Perry, Secretary pro tempore (acting Secretary)

Br. A. Kingsbury.

Br. J. Berthrong.

Br. B. Houghton, Tyler

Br. R. Webster

Br. H. Church

Silas ..., Visiting Brother

There being no business before the Lodge,

Opened and closed in due form.

Signed: J. Perry, Sec'y pro tem ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 13](#)).

No. 34

Extra Communication, Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Convened at Mason Hall July 5th A.D. 5820

Present

R.W. J. Gilbert, HP.

Br. R. York.

Br. A. Kingsbury.

Br. J. W. Smith, Scribe

Br. John Berthrong.

Br. A. J. Brown, Secretary

Br. B. Houghton, Tyler

Br. J. W. Spicer

Mark Master Lodge opened in due form.

Received a petition from Br. Stone H. Coon to receive the higher degrees of Masonry, if found worthy.

Br. R. York, J. W. Smith and A. Bacon were appointed a committee to investigate the character of the above petitioner.

Lodge closed in due form.

Signed: A. J. Brown, Secretary ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 13v](#)).

No. 35

Regular Communication, Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Convened at Mason Hall 25th July A.D. 5820

Present

R.W. J. Gilbert, HP.

Br. Amos Bacon.

Br. R. York.

Br. Benj. Nichols, Treasurer pro tem.

Br. Geo. N. Seymour, Secretary pro tem.

Br. A. Kingsbury.

Br. B. Hathaway.

Br. John Berthrong.

Br. B. Houghton, Tyler

Br. James Robinson

Br. Silas ...
Br. O. Farlow
Br. R. Hatch
Br. J. Perry

Mark Master Lodge opened in due form.

The committee appointed to investigate the character of Br. Stone H. Coon reported in favor of the candidate, upon which ballots were taken and found unanimous in his favor.

Ballots were taken for Br. R. Hatch to receive the degrees of Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason, which were unanimous in his favor.

The accounts of Br. A. Bacon and Br. R. York, proprietors of the Lodge Room, for rent from 24 June 1819 to 24 June 1820, amounting to \$75, were received and audited, one half to be paid to the credit of Br. York and one half to the credit of Br. Bacon on the books of the Lodge.

Br. Amos Bacon was appointed as one of the Committee to investigate the accounts of the Lodge.

Br. Orr after being duly prepared received the Honorary degree of Mark Master Mason in due form.

Mark Master Lodge closed and a Lodge of Past Masters opened in due form, when Br. Hatch was regularly installed and passed the Chair.

Br. Orr received the degree of Past Master Mason in due form.

Received a petition from Br. Merrit Swenson to receive the higher degrees of Masonry if found worthy.

Brs. R. York, A. Kingsbury, and Samuel Robinson were appointed a committee to investigate the character of the above petitioner.

Voted that Br. Goss have leave to withdraw his petition from this Chapter, and Br. Samuel Robinson was requested to give him this information.

Lodge closed in due form.

Signed: A. J. Brown, Sec'y ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 13v-14](#)).

No. 36

Extra Communication

Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Convened at Mason Hall August 10th A.D. 5820

Present

M.E. J. Gilbert.

Br. Amos Bacon.

Br. A. Kingsbury.

Br. Geo. N. Seymour, Sec'y pro tem.

Br. B. Hathaway, Treasurer

Br. A. Titus.

Br. J. Berthrong.

Br. J. Houghton, Tyler

Br. D. Webster

Br. John H. Church

Br. Wm. Kellogg

Visiting Brethren

Wm. Vaughan

Amos Rice

B. Gage

J. Perry

W. Read

Rev. A. G. Baldwin

Lodge of Mark Masters opened in due form.

When Br. David Orr was acknowledged and received as a Mark Master in due form.

Lodge closed and a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons opened in due form.

When Brs. Jas. Howard, R. Webster, and David Orr were exalted to the Sublime Degree of Royal Arch Mason in due form.

Received the petition of Br. Isaac Clinton to receive the higher degrees of Masonry if found worthy.

Comp. J. W. Spicer, M.E. J. Gilbert, and Geo. N. Seymour were appointed a committee to investigate his character.

Chapter closed in due form ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 14](#)).

No. 37

Regular Communication, Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Convened at Mason Hall August 22nd A.D. 5820

Present

R.W. J. Gilbert, HP.

Br. Amos Bacon.

Br. Noah Lee, Scribe pro tem.

Br. A. Kingsbury.

Br. J. Berthrong.

Br. A. Girard.

Br. A. J. Brown, Secretary

Br. Geo. N. Seymour, Treasurer pro tem.

Br. J. W. Spicer

Br. B. Houghton, Tyler

Br. Benj. Nichols, Steward

Br. H. Church

Br. David Orr

Br. Wm. Kellogg

Br. R. Webster

Visiting Brethren

Elijah Reed

Martin Deering

Benj. McAllister

John Phillips

R. Hatch

A. Titus

J. Perry

Mark Master Lodge opened in due form.

When Br. Elijah Baker received the honorary degree of Mark Master Mason in due form.

The committee appointed to investigate the character of Br. Merrit Swenson reported in favor of the candidate, upon which ballots were taken and found unanimous in his favor; and after being duly prepared he received the honorary degree of Mark Master Mason in due form.

Br. David Orr became a member of this Chapter by signing the By-Laws.

The committee appointed to investigate the character of Br. Isaac Clinton reported in favor of the candidate, upon which ballots were taken and found unanimous in his favor; and after being duly prepared he received the honorary degree of Mark Master Mason in due form.

Received petitions from Br. Rufus Baker and Ezra Prentice to receive the higher degrees of Masonry in this Chapter if found worthy.

Brs. R. York, J. W. Spicer, and Comp. A. J. Brown were appointed a committee to investigate the character of the above petitioners.

Mark Masters Lodge closed in due form.

Received of Br. R. Webster, two dollars in full for fees.

Br. Webster became a member of this Chapter by signing the By-Laws.

Past Masters Lodge opened in due form.

When Br. Elijah Baker, Isaac Clinton, Samuel Story and Merrit Swenson were regularly installed and passed the Chair.

Past Masters Lodge closed, and a Lodge of Most Excellent Masters opened in due form.

When Brs. Rollin Hatch, Elijah Baker, Samuel Story and Merrit Swenson were acknowledged and received as Most Excellent Masters.

Lodge of Most Excellent Masters closed, and a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons opened in due form.

When Br. Elijah Baker, Samuel Story and Merrit Swenson were exalted to the Sublime Degree of Royal Arch Mason.

Chapter closed in due form.

Signed: A. J. Brown, Sec'y.

Received of Comp. Samuel Story thirteen dollars on account of fees.

Received of Comp. Merrit Swenson five dollars on account of fees ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 14v-15](#)).

No. 38

Extra Communication

Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Convened at Mason Hall August 30th A.D. 5820

Present

M.E. J. Gilbert, HP.

Amos Bacon.

A. Kingsbury.

Benj. Hathaway, Scribe Pro Tem.

G. N. Seymour, Secretary Pro Tem.

D. Orr.

J. W. Spicer.

Br. B. Houghton, Tyler

A. Thomakis (or Thomas)

J. Howard

Baldwin

Hatch

Givens

Lodge of M.M. opened in due form.

Voted that all monies now in the hands of the Treasurer, not otherwise appropriated, and all that shall be hereafter received, should be paid to Br. Gilbert & A. Bacon in payment for an advance made by them of \$200 for clothing, etc., until that sum should be paid.

Mr. Isaac Clinton, after being duly prepared, was acknowledged and received as a Mark Master.

The petition of Br. Ezra Church to receive the higher degrees of Masonry, if found worthy—Brs. Spicer, J. H. Church and G. N. Seymour were appointed a committee to investigate the character of the above petitioner.

Lodge closed and a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons opened in due form.

When Br. Clinton and R. Hatch were exalted to the Sublime Degree of Royal Arch Mason.

Chapter closed in due form.

Signed: G. N. Seymour, Sec'y Pro Tem.

Paid postage endorsed from Apollo Chapter No. 28 — 31½ cts.

Sept. 16

Received of Comp. David Owen twenty-two dollars in full for Exaltation Fees.

Received of Comp. A. Bacon twenty-two dollars in full for Comp. Elijah Baker's Exaltation Fee.

Received of Comp. Wm. Kellogg ten dollars in part for Exaltation Fees.

Received of Comp. J. W. Smith ten dollars on account of fees.

Jas. Howard signed the By-Laws ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 15-15v](#)).

No. 39

Regular Communication

Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Convened at Mason Hall September 19th A.D. 5820

Present

R.W. J. Gilbert, HP.

Br. Amos Bacon.

Br. Jas. York.

Br. A. Kingsbury.

Br. J. Berthrong.

Br. J. W. Spicer.

Br. A. J. Brown, Sec'y

Br. A. Girard, Treasurer pro tem.

Br. B. Houghton, Tyler

Visiting Brother

Jas. Howard

David Owen

Mark Masters Lodge opened in due form.

The committee appointed to investigate the character of Br. Rufus Baker had leave to delay their report until our next regular communication.

The same committee reported in favor of the petition of Br. Ezra S. Prentice, which report was received. When ballots were taken and found unanimous in his favor.

Voted that Br. Isaac Clinton be furnished with the amount of his Exaltation Fee, and that Br. Spicer give him that information.

The committee appointed to investigate the character of Br. Ezra Church reported in favor of the candidate, upon which ballots were taken and found unanimous in his favor.

Lodge closed in due form.

Signed: A. J. Brown, Sec'y ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 15v-16](#)).

No. 40

Extra Communication

Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Convened at Mason Hall 20th Sept. A.D. 5820

Present

R.W. J. Gilbert, H.P.

Br. A. Kingsbury, P.S.

Visiting

Br. J. W. Spicer.

Visiting

Br. Isaac Clinto.

Br. David Owen.

Br. A. J. Brown, Sec'y

Br. Jas. Howard.

Br. B. Houghton, Tyler

Br. Samuel Robinson

Gurney, Visiting

Mark Master Lodge opened in due form.

When Br. Ezra Church, after being duly prepared, received the Honorary Degree of Mark Master Mason.

Mark Masters Lodge closed and a Lodge of Past Masters opened in due form.

When Br. E. Church was regularly installed and passed the Chair.

Lodge closed in due form.

Signed: A. J. Brown, Sec'y.

Received of Br. [H.] Aldrich nine dollars in full for conferring the degrees of Mark and Past Master.

Received Oct. 2nd, 1820 from Br. R. Hatch by J. Gilbert, five dollars in full for fees.

Also from Br. Samuel Robinson, twenty-five cents in full for dues ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 16](#)).

No. 41

Regular Communication of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Opened at Mason Hall Oct. 17th A.D. 1820

Present

M. Amos Bacon, HP.

Br. Joseph York.

Br. Samuel Howard.

Br. A. Kingsbury.

Br. Harvey Church.

Br. John H. Church.

Br. J. M. Jones.

Br. ... Browster.

Br. Benj. Hathaway.

Br. Benj. Richey.

John Armstrong

R. Nichols

David Ames

Visiting Brethren

Br. Abner Thompkins

Samuel Storrs

David Schieff

Josiah Perry

Mark Masters Lodge opened in due form.

Rec'd a petition from Br. Henry Ford for the purpose of receiving the Higher Degree of Masonry; it was unanimously ...

Brs. Joseph York, J. M. Jones & R. Nichols were appointed a committee to investigate the character of the above petitioner.

Br. E. P. Prentice after being duly prepared rec'd the Honorary degree of Mark Master Mason in due form.

Jonathan B. Rube Baker having leave to withdraw his petition.

Mark Masters Lodge closed and a Lodge of Past Masters opened in due form.

Where Br. Prentice was regularly installed and took the chair.

Resolved that Br. H. Church Superintendent putting up the stove previous to our next communication.

Lodge closed in due form.

Signed

C. J. P. (?) Sec'y

Rec'd of Br. Prentice nine dollars in full for his four degrees of Mark and Past Master Mason.

Rec'd of Br. Samuel Storrs five dollars on account of dues.

Also rec'd of Br. Anson by the hand of Br. Storrs three dollars on account of dues ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 16v](#)).

No. 42

Regular Communication of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Convened at Mason Hall Nov. 14th A.D. 1820

Present

M. Silvester Gilbert

Br. A. Kingsbury, H.P.

Br. W. Sturges, K.

Br. J. Brewster, Scribe

Br. Hatchway.

Br. John Breckney (or Breckney).

Br. Houghton, Tyler

Br. David Owen

Br. Collins

Br. J. W. Smith

Mark Masters Lodge opened in due form.

Br. Amos Bacon took his seat as H.P. and Br. Kingsbury as S.C.

The committee appointed to investigate the character of Br. Henry Ford and Chauncey Foote reported in favor of the candidates, upon which ballots were taken and found unanimous in their favor.

Brs. G. A. Reynolds, A. Bacon & David Owen were appointed a committee to settle and adjust the funds of the Chapter with the Secretary and Treasurer and report at our next regular communication.

Lodge closed in due form.

Signed

Br. J. Brewster, Sec'y

Br. R. Hatch has become a member of this Chapter by signing the By-Laws.

Receipts

Received Nov. 16 of Jas. Howard — \$2.00 in full.

Received Nov. 19 of Br. A. Bacon — \$1.00 in full for dues.

Received of Br. Hatchway — \$1.00 in full for dues.

Received of G. A. Reynolds — \$0.75 in full.

Received of D. Owen — \$0.50 in full for dues.

Received of Chas. Tarlant — \$0.75 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 17](#)).

No. 43

Regular Communication of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Opened at Mason Hall Dec. 19th A.D. 1820

Present

Br. M. Silvester Gilbert

Br. A. Bacon.

Br. Jos. York.

Br. A. Kingsbury.

Br. H. Church.
Br. J. W. Church.
Br. C. J. Brown, Sec'y
Br. Hatchway.
Br. Houghton, Tyler
Br. David Owen
Br. Asahel Graves
Br. J. W. Spencer
Br. H. Waters
Br. W. Sturges
J. Breckney (or Breckenridge)
G. A. Reynolds
Benj. Nichols

Mark Masters Lodge opened in due form.

The Chapter proceeded to choose their officers for ensuing year, and after counting the ballots the following brethren were chosen:

M.E. Silvester Gilbert — High Priest
Amos Bacon — King
Joseph York — Scribe
J. Brewer (or Brower) — Secretary
Benj. Hatchway — Treasurer
Abiram Kingsbury — Captain of the Host
Samuel W. Jones — Principal Sojourner
Harvey Church — Royal Arch Captain
George A. Reynolds — Master 3rd Veil
Mahl Sturges — Master 2nd Veil
Rollings Robbins — Master 1st Veil
Benj. Nichols — Steward
Asahel Graves — Steward
Bethuel Houghton — Tyler

Resolved, that Br. B. Houghton be allowed for his services as Tyler up to the present time Fifty Four Shillings.

Voted, that Br. Wm. Harris be allowed Nineteen Dollars for refreshments, etc., for the last year past.

The committee appointed to adjust and settle the funds of the Chapter have leave to delay their report until our next regular communication.

Voted, that Br. Joseph York be allowed five dollars for the seal of the Chapter.

Received a communication from Comp. Clark, Secretary of St. Lawrence Chapter. The consideration thereof was postponed until our next communication, and Brs. B. Hatchway, J. York, and A. Bacon were appointed a committee to report thereon.

Resolved, that this Chapter join the Hamilton Lodge No. 177 at Waddington, on the 27th inst. for the purpose of celebrating the festival of St. John the Evangelist; and that the Secretary be requested to transmit a copy of the above resolution to said Lodge.

Lodge closed in due form.

Signed, Comp. C. J. Brewer, Sec'y

Rec'd of Br. Samuel Robinson seventy-five cents in full of dues ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 17-18](#)).

The year 1820 marked a period of institutional consolidation for Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63. Whereas the Chapter completed its organizational formation in 1819, by 1820 it had developed into a fully functioning center of Royal Arch Masonry, characterized by a stable administrative structure, sound finances, its own regalia and symbolic insignia, an established procedure for the admission and advancement of candidates, and active relations with other Masonic bodies. At the same time, the records make it possible to trace the continued rise of Joseph York, who, by the end of the year, had become one of the Chapter's senior officers.

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No. 44

Regular Communication of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Convened at Masons Hall Jan'y 6th A.D. 1821

Present

Left column

M.E. Silvester Gilbert

Br. A. Bacon.
Br. Jenison, P.S.
Br. A. Kingsbury.
Br. Harvey Church.
Br. J. W. Church.
Br. C. J. Brewer, Sec'y
Br. Benj. Nichols, Treas.
Br. B. Houghton, Tyler
Br. David Owen
Br. H. Waters
Br. P. Cleveland
Br. Josiah Perry (Visiting)

Lodge of Mark Master Masons opened in due form.

The Committee appointed to report on the Communication from the St. Lawrence Chapter reported unfavorably thereon.

Rec'd a petition from Br. Jenison Buck for the purpose of receiving the higher degrees of Masonry in this Chapter; it was found worthy.

Brs. C. J. Brewer, A. Bacon, and Samuel Robinson were appointed a Committee to investigate the character of the above petitioner.

The Committee appointed to settle and adjust the Accounts of the Chapter has leave to delay their report until our next Communication.

Voted, that R.W. J. Gilbert be added in addition to said Committee.

Lodge closed in due form.

Signed, C. J. Brewer, Sec'y

The Committee appointed to investigate the character of Br. Rufus Buck reported in favor of the Candidate, upon which ballots were taken and found unanimous in his favor.

Lodge closed in due form ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 18](#)).

No. 45

Regular Communication – Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Convened at Masons Hall Feb'y 13th A.D. 1821

Present

R.W. J. Silvester Gilbert
Br. A. Bacon.
Br. A. Kingsbury, P.S.
Br. A. Graves, Secretary pro tem
Br. Wm. Harris, M. of 1st Veil
Br. J. Howard, J. of 1st Veil
Br. David Owen, J. of P.S.
Br. B. Hatchway, Treasurer
Br. B. Houghton, Tyler

Mark Masters Lodge opened in due form.

Ballots were taken for the advancement of Br. Samuel Buck and found unanimous in his favor.

Resolved, that the Committee appointed to settle and adjust the accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer for the last year past have leave to report.

Resolved, that the said report be received.

Lodge closed in due form.

Signed, A. Graves, Secretary pro tem ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 18v](#)).

No. 46

Regular Communication – Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Convened at Masons Hall March 13th A.D. 1821

Present

R.W. J. Silvester Gilbert, HP
Br. A. Bacon.
Br. A. Kingsbury.
Br. J. Berthrong.
Br. H. Waters.

Br. D. Owen.
Br. C. J. Brewer, Secretary
Br. G. A. Symonds, Royal Arch Captain
Br. B. Houghton, Tyler
A. Graves

Mark Masters Lodge opened in due form.

Received a petition from Br. Alvin C. Snow for the purpose of receiving the higher degrees in this Chapter; it was found worthy.

Brs. A. Bacon, C. J. Brewer, and G. A. Symonds were appointed a committee to investigate the character of the above petitioner.

R.W. J. Gilbert, G. A. Symonds, and B. Hatchway were appointed to confer with a Committee from the St. Lawrence Lodge appointed at the last communication for the purpose of making arrangements for reducing the rent of this Hall.

Lodge closed in due form.

Signed, Comp. C. J. Brewer, Sec'y ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 18v-19](#)).

No. 47
Extra Communication
Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63
Convened at Masons Hall, April 3rd A.D. 1821
Present
R.W. Silvester Gilbert, HP
Br. A. Bacon.
Br. John Berthrong.
Br. A. Graves, Treas.
Br. G. A. Symons, Capt. H.
Br. David Owen, M. of 1st Veil
Br. B. Nichols, Tyler pro tem
R. Waters

The petitions of Br. Wm. Myers and Chester Gurney were received and read.

Brs. A. Bacon, G. A. Symons, and Comp. C. J. Brewer were appointed a committee to investigate the character of the above petitioners.

Received of Comp. A. Smith ...

Lodge closed in due form.

Signed, C. J. Brewer, Secretary ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 19](#)).

No. 48
Regular Communication
Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63
Convened at Masons Hall, April 17th A.D. 1821
Present
R.W. Silvester Gilbert, HP
Br. Amos Bacon.
Br. John Berthrong.
Br. C. J. Brewer, Sec'y
Br. A. Kingsbury
Br. H. Church.
Br. R. Waters.
Br. B. Houghton, Tyler
Br. Jos. York
Br. Samuel Robinson
Br. John K. Church
Br. J. M. Jones
Br. Jas. Howard
Br. David Owen
Br. R. Hatch
Visiting Brethren
Jos. Briggs
Hiram Tappan

Mark Masters Lodge opened in due form.

The Committee appointed to investigate the character of Brs. Alvin C. Snow, Jas. W. Myers & Chester Gurney reported in favor of the candidates. Ballots were then taken and found unanimous in their favor.

The Committee appointed (at the regular Communication in Feb'y A.D. 1821) to investigate the character of Br. Joseph Ames reported in his favor.

Brs. Alvin C. Snow, Jas. W. Myers, and Chester Gurney, after being duly prepared, respectively received the Honorary Degree of Mark Master Mason in due form.

Br. J. M. Jones presented a petition from Br. Jos. Whitney for the purpose of receiving the higher degrees in this Chapter.

Brs. J. M. Jones, P. Cleveland, and Jos. York were appointed a Committee to investigate the character of the above petitioner.

Ballots were taken for Br. Joseph Ames and found unanimous in his favor.

Mark Masters Lodge closed, and a Lodge of Past Masters opened in due form, where Brs. A. C. Snow, Wm. Myers, and C. Gurney were respectively installed and placed in the chair.

The Lodge closed, and a Lodge of Most Excellent Masters opened in due form, where Brs. A. C. Snow, Wm. Myers, and C. Gurney were acknowledged and received as Most Excellent Masters.

Most Excellent Masters Lodge closed, and a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons opened in due form, where Brs. A. C. Snow, Wm. Myers, and C. Gurney were exalted to the Sublime Degree of Companion Royal Arch Mason.

Chapter closed in due form.

Signed:

Comp. C. J. Brewer, Sec'y ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 19-19v](#)).

No. 49

Extra Communication

Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Convened at Masons Hall, April 30th A.D. 1821

Present

R.W. Silvester Gilbert, HP

Br. A. Bacon.

Br. Jos. York.

Br. J. M. Jones.

Br. Josiah Perry.

Br. Ezra P. Prentice, R.A.C.

Br. C. J. Brewer, Sec'y

Br. Wm. Myers, Tyler pro tem

Br. B. Houghton, Tyler

Br. John Berthrong

R. Waters

A. Kingsbury

C. Gurney

A. C. Snow

David Owen

Mark Masters Lodge opened in due form.

Received a petition from Br. Daniel Prentice for the purpose of receiving the higher degrees of Masonry in this Chapter; it was found worthy.

Brs. Jos. York, J. M. Jones, and Comp. C. J. Brewer were appointed a committee to investigate the character of the above petitioner.

Br. Henry Foot, after being duly prepared, received the Honorary Degree of Mark Master Mason in due form.

The Mark Masters Lodge was then closed, and a Lodge of Past Masters opened in due form, where Br. Henry Foot was regularly installed and placed in the Chair.

The Past Masters Lodge was then closed, and a Lodge of Most Excellent Masters opened in due form, where Brs. Ezra P. Prentice and Henry Foot were acknowledged and received as Most Excellent Masters.

The Most Excellent Masters Lodge was then closed, and a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons opened in due form, where Brs. Ezra P. Prentice and Henry Foot were exalted to the Sublime Degree of Royal Arch Masons, in due form.

Chapter closed in due form.

Signed:

C. J. Brewer, Sec'y

Comp. Just. W. Myers became a member of this Chapter by signing the By-Laws.
Rec'd of Comp. E. P. Prentice ten dollars on account of fees ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 20](#)).

No. 50
Regular Communication
Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63
Convened at Masons Hall, May 15th A.D. 1821
Present
Br. Jos. York.
Br. Abiram Kingsbury.
Br. R. Waters.
Br. H. Church.
Br. David Owen.
Br. C. J. Brewer, Secretary
Br. C. Gurney, Treasurer pro tem
Br. B. Houghton, Tyler
Br. B. Nichols, Steward
Br. Jas. Howard
Br. Ezra Church

Visiting
Br. Robert McDowell
Joseph Brooks
James P. Bartle

Mark Masters Lodge opened in due form.

The committee appointed to investigate the character of Br. Daniel Prentice reported in favor of the candidate, upon which ballots were taken and found unanimous in his favor.

Br. York presented a petition from Br. Nathaniel K. Olmstead for the purpose of receiving the higher degrees of Masonry in this Chapter; it was found worthy.

Brs. Jos. York, C. Gurney, and H. Church were appointed a committee to investigate the character of the above petitioner.

Resolved, that this Chapter join with the St. Lawrence in the celebration of St. John the Baptist, on the 15th of June next.

Mark Masters Lodge closed in due form.

Signed, Comp. C. J. Brewer, Sec'y.

Br. C. Gurney has become a member of this Chapter this day by signing the By-Laws.
Rec'd of Br. Ezra P. Prentice three dollars in full for his fees ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 20v](#)).

No. 51
Regular Communication — Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63
Convened at Masons Hall June 12th A.D. 1821
Present
R.W. Silvester Gilbert, HP
Br. Amos Bacon.
" Joseph York.
" A. Kingsbur.
" A. Graves.
" R. Waters.
" C. J. Brewer, Sec'y
" G. A. Symons, Treas.
" Benj. Nichols, Tyler pro tem
" G. W. Mingus
" C. Gurney
" B. Houghton entered and took his station as Tyler
" New Mallory
" Jas. Howard
" Ezra Church
" John K. Church

Br. Harvey Church entered and took his station as J.C.

Mark Masters Lodge opened in due form.

The Committee appointed to investigate the character of Br. Nathaniel K. Olmstead reported in favor of the Candidate, upon which ballots were taken and found unanimous in his favor.

Brs. Chauncy Foote and Joseph Ames, after being duly prepared, were respectively advanced to the Honorary Degree of Mark Master Masons in due form.

Lodge of Mark Master Masons closed and a Lodge of Past Masters opened in due form, where Brs. Foote and Ames were respectively installed and passed the Chair.

Past Masters Lodge closed and a Lodge of Most Excellent Masters opened in due form, where Brs. Chauncy Foote, Jos. Ames and Ezra Church were received and acknowledged as Most Excellent Masters.

Most Excellent Masters Lodge closed and a Chapter of Companion Royal Arch Masons opened in due form.

Where Brothers Ezra Church, Chauncy Foote and Joseph Ames were exalted to the Sublime Degree of Companion Royal Arch Masons.

Chapter closed in due form.

Signed, Comp. C. J. Brewer, Sec'y

Rec'd of Comp. Chauncy Foote Eight Dollars on acct. of Fees ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 21](#)).

No. 52

Extra Communication — Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Convened at Masons Hall June 18th A.D. 1821

Present

R.W. Silvester Gilbert

Br. Amos Bacon, H.P.

" Joseph York, K.

" Comp. C. J. Brewer, Sec'y

" G. A. Symons, Treasurer

" Abiram Kingsbury.

" C. Gurney.

" R. Waters.

" B. Houghton, Tyler

" G. W. Mingus

" R. Hatch

" A. Graves

" W. Mallory

" P. Cleveland

" David Owen

" William Harris

" A. C. Snow

Visiting Brethren

Br. A. W. Smith

" ... Motley

" J. Cleveland

" J. Perry

Mark Masters Lodge opened in due form.

The Committee appointed to investigate the character of Br. Joseph Whitney reported in favor of the Candidate, upon which ballots were taken and found unanimous in his favor, and after being duly prepared was advanced to the Honorary Degree of Mark Master Mason in due form.

Mark Masters Lodge closed and a Lodge of Past Masters opened in due form, where Br. Whitney was regularly installed and took the Chair.

Past Masters Lodge closed in due form.

Signed, C. J. Brewer, Sec'y

Rec'd. of Br. Joseph Whitney Nine Dollars in full for conferring the degrees of Mark and Past Master Mason ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 21v](#)).

No. 53

Extra Communication — Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Convened at Masons Hall June 29th A.D. 1821

Present

R.W. Silvester Gilbert
Br. Amos Bacon.
" Jas. York.
" Comp. C. J. Brewer, Sec'y
" Jas. Howard, Treas. pro tem
" A. Kingsbury.
" H. Church.
" R. Waters.
" B. Houghton, Tyler
" C. Gurney
" G. W. Mingus
" David Owen
" A. C. Snow
" B. Hatchway
" A. Graves
Visiting Brethren
Ezra Church
Henry Foote
Abr. Thompkins
J. Perry

Mark Masters Lodge opened in due form.

When Brs. Rufus Baker, Daniel Prentice, and Nathaniel K. Olmstead, after being duly prepared, were respectively advanced to the Honorary Degree of Mark Master Masons in due form.

Mark Masters Lodge closed and a Lodge of Past Masters opened in due form, when Brs. Rufus Baker, Daniel Prentice, and Nathaniel K. Olmstead were respectively installed and passed the Chair.

Past Masters Lodge closed and a Lodge of Most Excellent Masters opened in due form, where Brs. R. Baker, Daniel Prentice, and N. K. Olmstead were received and acknowledged as Most Excellent Masters.

Most Excellent Masters Lodge closed and a Chapter of Companion Royal Arch Masons opened in due form, where Brs. R. Baker, D. Prentice, and N. K. Olmstead were exalted to the Sublime Degree of Royal Arch Masons in due form.

Comp. Henry Foote has become a member of this Chapter by signing the By-Laws.

Chapter closed in due form.

Signed, Comp. C. J. Brewer, Sec'y

Comp. Rufus Baker and Daniel Prentice have become members of this Chapter by signing the By-Laws.

Rec'd. of Comp. Rufus Baker Four Dollars on acct. of fees.

Also One Dollar ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 22](#)).

No. 54

Regular Communication — Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Convened at Masons Hall July 10th A.D. 1821

Present

Br. Amos Bacon, H.P.

" Joseph York, Scribe

" A. Kingsbury.

" C. J. Brewer, Sec'y.

" Jas. Howard.

" B. Houghton, Tyler

Mark Masters Lodge opened in due form.

Voted that Brs. Amos Bacon and Joseph York be allowed Thirty Seven Dollars Fifty Cents each for one year's rent of this Hall from 24th June 1820 to 24th June 1821.

Lodge closed in due form.

Signed, Comp. C. J. Brewer, Sec'y ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 22v](#)).

No. 55

Regular Communication — Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Convened at Masons Hall Aug. 7th A.D. 1821

Present

R.W. Silvester Gilbert

Br. Merritt Jenison.
" Jos. York.
" G. A. Symons, Treasurer pro tem
" N. K. Olmstead, Treasurer pro tem
" Prentice, Visiting M.
" R. Webster.
" G. W. Mingus.
" A. C. Snow, Tyler pro tem
" J. Perry, Visiting

Mark Masters Lodge opened in due form.

There being no business the Lodge closed in due form ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 22v](#)).

No. 56
Regular Communication — Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63
Convened at Masons Hall Sept. 11th A.D. 1821
Present
R.W. Silvester Gilbert
Br. A. Kingsbury.
" John Berthrong.
" C. J. Brewer, Sec'y
" Wm. Mallory, Treasurer
" A. C. Snow.
" B. Houghton, Tyler
" H. Church.
" R. Webster.
" G. W. Mingus
" R. Hatch

Mark Masters Lodge opened in due form.

Br. B. Houghton presented a petition from Br. Daniel H. Andrews for the purpose of receiving the higher degrees of Masonry in this Chapter; it found worthy.

Brs. John H. Church and A. Kingsbury were appointed a committee to investigate the character of the above petitioner.

Mark Masters Lodge closed in due form.

Signed, C. J. Brewer, Sec'y ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 23](#)).

No. 57
Extra Communication — Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63
Convened at Masons Hall Oct. 3rd A.D. 1821
Present
R.W. Silvester Gilbert
Br. Amos Bacon.
" Chester Gurney.
" C. J. Brewer, Sec'y
" Jas. Howard, Treasurer
" Abiram Kingsbury.
" Harvey Church.
" R. Webster.
" G. W. Mingus, Tyler pro tem
" John Berthrong
" Asahel Graves
" J. W. Spencer
" A. C. Snow
" David Owen
Visiting Brother
Joseph Whitney

Mark Masters Lodge opened in due form.

The Committee appointed at our last Regular Communication to investigate the character of Br. Daniel H. Andrews reported in favor of the Candidate, upon which ballots were taken and found unanimous in his

favor, and after being duly prepared was advanced to the Honorary Degree of Mark Master Mason in due form.

Mark Masters Lodge closed and a Lodge of Past Masters opened in due form, where Br. D. H. Andrews was regularly installed and passed the Chair.

Past Masters Lodge closed and a Lodge of Most Excellent Masters opened in due form, where Brs. Joseph Whitney and D. H. Andrews were received and acknowledged as Most Excellent Masters.

Most Excellent Masters Lodge closed and a Chapter of Companion Royal Arch Masons opened in due form, where Brs. Joseph Whitney and Daniel H. Andrews were exalted to the Sublime Degree of Companion Royal Arch Masons.

Chapter closed in due form.

Signed, C. J. Brewer, Sec'y

Rec'd. of Comp. Joseph Whitney Nine Dollars in full for conferring the degrees of M. E. Master and Royal Arch Mason.

Rec'd. of Comp. Jas. Howard One Dollar in full for dues, who requested to withdraw as a member ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 23-23v](#)).

No. 58

Extra Communication — Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Convened at Masons Hall Nov. 3rd A.D. 1821

Present

R.W. Silvester Gilbert, HP

Br. Amos Bacon.

" A. Kingsbury.

" G. W. Mingus, Treasurer pro tem.

" G. A. Symons, Capt. of H.

" Comp. C. J. Brewer, Sec'y

" B. Houghton, Tyler

Mark Masters Lodge opened in due form.

Br. Comp. C. J. Brewer presented a petition from Br. William H. Campbell for the purpose of receiving the higher degrees in this Chapter; it was found worthy.

Brs. G. A. Symons, Jos. York, and Amos Bacon were appointed a committee to investigate the character of the above petitioner.

Resolved that Brs. C. Gurney, G. W. Mingus, and J. M. Jones be a committee to investigate the accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer and report at our next regular Communication.

Br. A. Kingsbury was appointed a committee for the purpose of procuring a stove for the Lodge, to be paid out of the funds of the Chapter.

Lodge closed in due form ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 23v](#)).

No. 59

Regular Communication — Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Convened at Masons Hall Nov. 6th A.D. 1821

Present

R.W. Silvester Gilbert

Br. G. A. Symons, High Priest

" Jas. York, Scribe

" C. J. Brewer, Sec'y

" G. W. Mingus, Treasurer

" A. Kingsbury.

" H. Church.

" R. Webster.

" B. Houghton, Tyler

" Wm. Mallory

" Asahel Graves

" Alvin C. Snow

" James Howard

" John K. Church

" C. Gurney

" Benj. Nichols, Steward

" N. K. Olmstead

" David Owen
" John Berthrong
Visiting
Jenison

Mark Masters Lodge opened in due form.

The Committee appointed to investigate the character of Br. Wm. H. Campbell reported in favor of the Candidate, upon which Ballots were taken and found unanimous in his favor, and after being duly prepared was advanced to the Honorary Degree of Mark Master Mason in due form.

Br. Amos Bacon entered and took his station as H.P.

Mark Masters Lodge closed and a Lodge of Past Masters opened in due form, where Br. Wm. H. Campbell was regularly installed and passed the Chair.

Past Masters Lodge closed and a Lodge of Most Excellent Masters opened in due form, where Br. Wm. H. Campbell was received and acknowledged as a Most Excellent Master.

Most Excellent Masters Lodge closed and a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons opened in due form, where Br. Wm. H. Campbell was exalted to the Sublime Degree of Companion Royal Arch Mason in due form.

Chapter closed in due form.

Rec'd. of Comp. Asahel Graves One Dollar in full for his dues for the last year past up to Dec. 1821.

Comp. Jos. York agreed to be responsible for the fees of exalting Comp. Wm. H. Campbell ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 24](#)).

No. 60

Regular Communication — Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Convened at Masons Hall Dec. 4th A.D. 1821

Present

R.W. Silvester Gilbert

Br. Amos Bacon

" Abiram Kingsbury.

" John Berthrong.

" Chester Gurney.

" C. J. Brewer, Sec'y

" Benj. Hatchway, Treas.

" B. Houghton, Tyler

" G. A. Symons

" David Owen

" Asahel Graves

" William Harris

" Harvey Church

" Jared W. Jones

" Just. W. Myers

" R. Hatch

" R. Webster

Visiting Brother

Josiah Perry

Mark Masters Lodge opened in due form.

The Chapter proceeded to choose their officers for the ensuing year and after counting the Ballots the following brethren were chosen:

M.E. Silvester Gilbert — High Priest

Br. Amos Bacon — King

" C. J. Brewer — Scribe

" Alvin C. Snow — Secretary

" Joseph York — Treasurer

" Abiram Kingsbury — Captain of the Host

" J. M. Jenison — Principal Sojourner

" John Berthrong — Royal Arch Captain

" R. Webster — Master of the 3d Veil

" G. A. Symons — Master of the 2d Veil

" David Owen — Master of the 1st Veil

" Wm. Harris — Steward

" R. Hatch — Steward

Br. B. Houghton — Tyler

Br. C. Gurney moved in writing that the 13th Article of the By-Laws be expunged.

The Committee appointed at the last Regular Communication for the purpose of investigating the accounts of the Chapter, also the Secretary and Treasurer, made a report in writing.

Voted that the said report be received.

Voted that Br. William Harris' account be allowed the whole amount, Seventy-four Cents.

Voted that Br. A. Kingsbury's account be allowed Two Dollars.

Voted that Strachan & Fairchild's account be allowed for printing Ten Dollars.

Voted that Br. Ezra Ames' account be balanced on the Account Book and the same placed to the credit of J. P. Deming, Albany, together with a note thereon as embraced in the above mentioned report of D.H.

Mark Masters Lodge closed in due form.

A. C. Snow, Sec'y ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 24v-25](#)).

By 1821, Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63 had reached full institutional maturity. The Chapter had developed into a stable organization characterized by regular ritual activity, a well-established administrative structure, effective financial oversight, and systematic record-keeping. During this period, the Chapter audited its accounts, appointed committees, considered amendments to its Bye Laws, and approved expenditures. At the same time, its membership continued to grow rapidly.

1822

No. 61

Regular Communication — Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Convened at Masons Hall January 1st A.D. 1822

Present

Br. Amos Bacon.

" Abiram Kingsbury.

" Harvey Church.

" A. C. Snow, Sec'y

" Joseph York, Treas'r

" Josiah Perry, M. of 1st Veil

" John Berthrong.

" R. Webster.

" B. Houghton, Tyler

" Abr. Thompsons

" G. W. Mingus

Mark Masters Lodge opened in due form.

Voted that the Secretary be instructed to purchase a suitable trunk for the purpose of keeping books and papers belonging to the Chapter.

Rec'd. a petition from Br. John Johnson to receive the higher degrees of Masonry in this Chapter; it was found worthy.

R.W. S. Gilbert, G. A. Symons, and H. Church were appointed a Committee to investigate the character of the above petitioner.

Mark Masters Lodge closed in due form.

A. C. Snow, Sec'y

Rec'd. of Br. J. M. Jones One Dollar on acct. of dues.

H. Church One Dollar on acct.

W. Mallory One Dollar.

B. Hatchway One Dollar.

Rec'd. of Br. G. A. Symons Seven 30/100 Dollars on acct. of Br. Henry Foote ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 25-25v](#)).

No. 62

Regular Communication — Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Convened at Masons Hall, February 5th, A.D. 1822

Present

Br. Amos Bacon, Master H.P.

" Comp. C. J. Brewer.

" Chester Gurney.

" A. C. Snow, Secretary

" Abiram Kingsbury.

" John Berthrong.

" R. Webster.
" Benj. Nichols, Tyler
" G. W. Mingus
"Abram Thompkins, Visitor
" John Crawford
" G. A. Symons
" Wm. Kellogg
" J. W. Spencer
" H. Church
" B. Hatchway
" E. Minor, after being duly examined

Mark Masters Lodge opened in due form.

The Committee appointed to investigate the character of Br. John Johnson reported in favor of the Candidate, upon which Ballots were taken and found unanimous in his favor.

Received a petition from Br. Daniel Mack to receive the degrees of Mark Master and Royal Arch Mason; it was found worthy.

Brs. Jos. York, B. Hatchway, and C. Gurney were appointed a Committee to investigate the character of the above petitioner.

Br. John Johnson, after being duly prepared, was advanced to the Honorary Degree of Mark Master Mason in due form.

A motion having been made in writing at a Regular Communication, October 4th, A.D. 1821, by Br. Gurney to expunge the 13th Article of the By-Laws.

Resolved that the said Article be expunged.

Proposed by Br. C. Gurney for the consideration of the Brethren until our next Communication, that the Secretary be allowed One Dollar for every Communication for his duties as Secretary and for transcribing the Minutes of the Chapter, which are in arrears.

Mark Masters Lodge closed, and a Lodge of Past Masters opened in due form, when Br. John Johnson was regularly installed and passed the Chair.

Past Masters Lodge closed in due form.

A Lodge of Most Excellent Masters opened in due form, when Br. John Johnson was received and acknowledged as a Most Excellent Master.

Most Excellent Masters Lodge closed, and a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons opened in due form, when Br. John Johnson was exalted to the Sublime Degree of Royal Arch Mason.

Chapter closed in due form.

Signed: A. C. Snow, Secretary.

Rec'd. Fifty cents of Br. Joseph Ames for dues on acct. of Exaltation fees.

Mark the acct. of Br. R. Hatch One Dollar on acct. of dues ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 25v-26](#)).

No. 63

Regular Communication — Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Convened at Masons Hall, March 5th, A.D. 1822

Present

R.W. S. Gilbert, HP.

Br. Amos Bacon.

" Comp. C. J. Brewer.

" A. C. Snow, Secretary

" Jos. York, Treasurer

" C. Gurney.

" J. Berthrong.

" R. Webster.

" B. Houghton, Tyler

" Harvey Church

" G. W. Mingus

" R. Hatch

" Johnson (John)

" Benj. Nichols, Junr.

Visitor

E. Minor

Mark Masters Lodge opened in due form.

The Committee appointed to investigate the character of Br. Daniel Mack were not ready to report.

Br. A. Kingsbury entered and took his station as M.C.

Voted that the Secretary be allowed Six Dollars for transcribing the Minutes of the Chapter which are in arrears.

Voted that the Secretary be authorized to purchase a blank book, price not exceeding One Dollar, for the purpose of recording the Marks of the Brethren.

Mark Masters Lodge closed in due form.

A. C. Snow, Secretary ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 26](#)).

No. 64

Quarterly Communication — Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Convened at Masons Hall, April 2nd, A.D. 1822

Present

R.W. S. Gilbert, HP.

Br. Amos Bacon.

" Comp. C. J. Brewer.

" A. C. Snow, Secretary

" G. A. Symons, Treasurer

" A. Kingsbury.

" John Berthrong.

" R. Webster.

" B. Houghton, Tyler

" J. M. Jones

" C. Gurney

" G. W. Mingus

" Harvey Church

Visiting Brethren

Comp. Wood, after being duly examined

John Crawford

A. Thompson

Lodge of Most Excellent Masters opened in due form.

The Committee appointed to investigate the character of Br. Daniel Mack reported in favor of the Candidate, upon which ballots were taken and found unanimous in his favor.

Brs. Daniel Mack and John Johnson were received and acknowledged as Most Excellent Masters in due form.

M.E. S. Gilbert agreed to advance the fees for exalting Br. John Johnson (\$13.00), also the balance of Br. Daniel Mack's fees.

Rec'd. of Br. Mack Nine Dollars in full for fees.

Most Excellent Masters Lodge closed and a Chapter of Companion Royal Arch Masons opened in due form.

Companion Benjamin Hatchway entered and took his seat as Scribe.

Companion York entered and took his seat as Treasurer.

Companion Aaron Hogley, Visitor, after being duly examined.

Brs. John Johnson and Daniel Mack, after being duly prepared, were exalted to the Sublime Degree of Companion Royal Arch Masonry in due form.

Companions John Johnson and Daniel Mack became members of this Chapter by signing the By-Laws.

Voted that Companions Jos. Bacon, A. Kingsbury, and R. A. Hatchway be a Committee to ascertain whether Companion N. K. Olmstead has been guilty of unmasonic conduct, that the Chapter may take such measures as they may deem proper.

Voted that M.E. S. Gilbert, Gurney, and Symons be a Committee to negotiate a loan from the St. Lawrence Lodge for a sum not exceeding \$100, with approved security.

M.E. S. Gilbert directed the Secretary to write to the following Companions who are in arrears in dues and request payment:

Comp. Daniel Prentice

Comp. Daniel H. Andrews

Alfred Gilley

Chas. Farlan

James Robinson

Chapter closed in due form.

A. C. Snow, Secretary.

Rec'd. April 1st, A.D. 1822

Rec'd. of Comp. Amos Bacon on acct. of dues — \$0.25

" Chester Gurney — \$0.25

" G. W. Mingus — \$0.25

" Benj. Hatchway — \$0.25

" Rollings Webster — \$0.25

" John Berthrong — \$0.25

" George A. Symons — \$0.25

Rec'd. April 16th from Comp. Chas. Farlan on acct. of dues — \$0.25

Rec'd. of M.E. S. Gilbert — \$0.25

Rec'd. April 21st of Comp. Benj. Nichols — Twenty Five Cents ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 26-27](#)).

No. 65

Regular Communication — Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Convened at Masons Hall, April 3rd, A.D. 1822

Present

R.W. S. Gilbert, H.P.

Br. Amos Bacon.

" Harvey Church, M. of 1st Veil

" A. C. Snow, Secretary

" R. Webster.

" G. W. Mingus, M.C. & Treasurer pro tem

Mark Masters Lodge opened in due form.

The Committee appointed to investigate the conduct of Br. N. Olmstead were not ready to report.

There being no further business, Lodge closed in due form.

A. C. Snow, Sec'y ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 27](#)).

No. 66

Regular Communication — Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Convened at Masons Hall June 4th A.D. 1822

Present

Br. C. J. Brewer.

" Abiram Kingsbury.

" B. Hatchway.

" R. Webster — Secry. Pro.

" Jenison.

Mark Masters Lodge opened in due form.

The Committee appointed to investigate the conduct of Br. Nathaniel K. Olmstead have leave to delay their report until our next Communication.

Lodge closed in due form.

Sign'd. R. Webster, Secry. Pro ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 27v](#)).

No. 67

Regular Communication — Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Convened at Masons Hall July 2nd A.D. 1822

Present

R.W. Silvester Gilbert.

Br. Amos Bacon.

" Comp. C. J. Brewer — Secry. Pro.

" Abiram Kingsbury.

" John Berthrong.

" R. Webster.

" Geo. W. Symons — Treas.

" John Johnson

" William Harris

" C. Gurney

Mark Masters Lodge opened in due form.

Rec'd. a petition from Br. Lewis Martin for the purpose of receiving the degrees of Past Master, M.E. Master & R.A. Mason. If found worthy Brs. C. J. Brewer, C. Gurney, & R. Webster were appointed a Committee to investigate the character of the above petitioner.

Mark Masters Lodge closed in due form ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 27v](#)).

No. 68

Regular Communication — Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Convened at Masons Hall July 30th A.D. 1822

Present

R.W. S. Gilbert.

Br. A. Bacon.

" H. Church.

" C. Gurney, Secretary Pro Tem

" J. York, Treasurer

" Danl. Mack.

" A. Gerolds.

" R. Webster.

" B. Houghton, Tyler

Mark Masters Lodge opened in due form.

The Committee appointed to investigate the character of Br. Lewis Martin is continued to our next communication.

Voted that the committee appointed to investigate the conduct of Companion Nathaniel K. Olmstead be, and they are hereby, discharged in consequence of information from Companion A. Gerolds.

Voted that the resolution passed to discharge the above named Committee be reconsidered, and that said Committee have leave to report at the next communication.

Rec'd. of Companion Mack ½ Dollar.

Lodge closed in due form ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 28](#)).

No. 69

Regular Communication — Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Convened at Masons Hall August 7th A.D. 1822

Present

R.W. S. Gilbert.

Br. A. Bacon.

" A. Kingsbury.

" C. Gurney, Secretary Pro Tem

" John Johnson, Treasurer Pro Tem

" Harvey Church.

" G. W. Mingus.

" R. Webster.

" B. Houghton, Tyler

Mark Masters Lodge opened in due form.

The Committee appointed to investigate the character of Br. Peter Conklin reported in his favour, when a ballot was taken, which was found unanimous in his favour.

The Committee for the investigation of the conduct of Companion N. K. Olmstead is continued.

Lodge closed in due form.

Comp. Mingus paid ½ Dollar.

C. S. Snow ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 28-28v](#)).

No. 70

Regular Communication — Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Convened at Masons Hall Sept. 24th A.D. 1822

Present

R.W. S. Gilbert, HP.

Br. J. York.

" A. Gerolds.

" G. W. Mingus, Secretary & Treasurer

" J. Berthrong.

" B. Houghton, Tyler

Mark Masters Lodge opened in due form.

Appointed G. W. Mingus Deputy Secretary.

Lodge closed in due form.

G. W. Mingus, Sec'y Pro Tem ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 28v](#)).

No. 71
Regular Communication — Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63
Convened at Masons Hall October 29th A.D. 1822
Present
R.W. S. Gilbert.
Br. A. Bacon.
" J. York.
" D. Mack, Treasurer
" G. W. Mingus, Secretary
" R. Webster.
" John Berthrong.
" B. Houghton, Tyler
Visiting Brethren
J. A. Snow
S. Guest

Mark Masters Lodge opened in due form.
Br. C. Gurney paid Six Shillings and requested to be discharged from this Chapter.
Received a petition from Br. Josiah Perry to become a member of this Chapter.
Brs. A. Kingsbury, D. Owen and J. M. Spencer were appointed a Committee to settle matters with the Secretary & Treasurer.
Lodge closed in due form.
(Signed) G. W. Kruger, Sec'y Pro. Tem. ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 28v-29](#)).

No. 72
Regular Communication — Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63
Convened at Masons Hall Novr. 26th A.D. 1822
Present
R.W. A. Kingsbury, HP Pro. Tem.
Br. J. Berthrong.
" A. Church.
" B. Nichols, Treasurer Pro. Tem.
" G. W. Kruger, Sec'y Pro. Tem.
" D. Owen.
" J. Johnson.
" B. Houghton, Tyler
Visitors
Br. J. Perry
" G. Guest
Mark Masters Lodge opened in due form.
The report of the Committee appointed to settle with the Secretary & Treasurer was read and received.
Brs. Berthrong, Kruger & Church were appointed a Committee to investigate the character of Br. Josiah Perry.
Rec'd a petition from Br. Geo. Guest to become a member of this Chapter, when Brs. J. Berthrong, A. Church & D. Owen were appointed a Committee to investigate his character.
Br. D. Owen paid \$0.35
" J. Johnson " 0.50
Br. B. Nichols paid \$0.50
" J. Berthrong " 0.50
Lodge closed in due form.
(Sign'd) G. W. Kruger, Sec'y Pro. Tem. ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 29](#)).

No. 73
Extra Communication — Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63
Convened at Masons Hall 5th Decr. A.D. 1822
Present
Br. A. Kingsbury.
" J. Berthrong.
" A. Harkley.
" G. W. Kruger, Sec'y & Treas. Pro. Tem.
" B. Houghton, Tyler

" J. Crawford

" J. Perry

Mark Masters Lodge opened in due form.

The Committee appointed to investigate the character of Br. Josiah Perry reported in his favor, which report was received, when ballots were taken and found unanimous in his favor.

Br. B. Houghton presented his fee for Tylering for the year past amounting to \$10, which sum was allowed.

Br. Josiah Perry signed the By-Laws and paid fees \$1.

Br. A. Gerald requested to be withdrawn from the Chapter and paid his dues 8/-.

Br. J. Johnson paid 6/-.

Lodge closed in due form.

(Signed)

G. W. Kruger, Sec'y Pro. Tem. ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 29v](#)).

No. 74

Regular Communication — Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Convened at Masons Hall 24th Decr. A.D. 5822

Present

R.M. J. Gilbert.

Br. A. Bacon.

" J. W. Spencer.

" A. Gerald, Treasurer Pro. Tem.

" G. W. Kruger, Secretary Pro. Tem.

" A. Kingsbury.

" J. Berthrong.

" R. Webster.

" B. Houghton, Tyler

" J. Johnson

" J. Perry

" G. W. Seymour

" D. Owen

" W. Kellogg

Br. A. Sibley

" A. Harkley — Visitors

Mark Masters Lodge opened in due form.

The Chapter proceeded to choose their Officers for the ensuing year and after counting the Ballot the following Companions were chosen.

Companion Josiah Perry — High Priest

" Joseph York — King

" George W. Seymour — Scribe

" John Berthrong — Treasurer

" Gustavus W. Kruger — Secretary

" Silvester Gilbert — Captain of the Host

" Abiram Kingsbury — Principal Sojourner

" Harvey Church — Royal Arch Captain

" Amos Bacon — Master of the 3rd Veil

" Rawling Webster — Master of the 2nd Veil

" Jared W. Spencer — Master of the 1st Veil

John Johnson & David Owen were appointed Stewards & Companion Bethuel Houghton Sentinel.

The officers elect were duly installed.

The Committee appointed to investigate the character of Br. Geo. Guest reported in his favor, when a Ballot was taken and found unanimous.

The petition of Br. Calvin Alexander to receive the higher Degrees in this Chapter was received and Brs. Amos Bacon, A. Kingsbury & S. Gilbert were appointed a Committee to investigate his character.

Br. G. W. Kruger presented an acct. of \$3.60 for Repairs & fire wood which account was allowed.

The Secretary was instructed to write to those members of this Chapter who are in arrears for dues for six months, that unless they come forward and pay their several dues, or make some satisfactory arrangement with this Chapter on or before the next regular communication, that the Chapter would then suspend them and report the same to the Grand Chapter.

Lodge Closed in due form.

Signed, G. W. Kruger, Sec'y ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 29v-30](#)).

The year 1822 marked a period of administrative consolidation for Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63. Following a phase of rapid organizational development and sustained growth, the Chapter focused on strengthening its internal administration, improving its record-keeping practices, reinforcing financial discipline, and ensuring compliance with Masonic obligations. The records document the collection of membership dues, the monitoring of outstanding accounts, payments to the Secretary, expenditures for stationery and office supplies, the acquisition of books, and expenses related to the maintenance and heating of the Chapter's meeting hall.

1823

No. 75

Regular Communication — Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Convened at Masons Hall 31st January A.D. 5823

Present

R.M. Josiah Perry, HP

Br. Joseph York.

" A. Sibley.

" John Berthrong, Treasurer

" G. W. Kruger, Secretary

" S. Gilbert.

" A. Gerald, R.A.C.

" A. Kingsbury, P.S.

" B. Houghton, Tyler

Br. C. Gurney

" B. Nichols

" J. Johnson

" G. Guest

" D. Owen

Mark Masters Lodge opened in due form.

Br. Geo. Guest became a member by signing the By-Laws and paid one dollar.

The Committee appointed to investigate the character of Br. Calvin Alexander reported in his favor, which report was received and a ballot taken and found unanimous.

Rec'd of Br. R. Hack \$1.00.

Br. B. Nichols \$0.25.

Br. A. Foote by Br. G. W. Seymour \$10.41.

Br. J. Ames \$5.28.

The Committee appointed some time since to enquire into the conduct of Br. Olmstead has leave to delay their report until the next Regular Communication.

Those members being in arrears for dues have leave until the next regular communication to settle the same.

Br. W. Warner was discharged from this Chapter at his request.

By Br. J. Berthrong, the account of Brs. Amos Bacon, Joseph York & J. M. Smith for Rent from the 24th June 1822 to 24th June 1823 was allowed \$25 each.

Rec'd a petition from Br. Moses Rowley to receive the Higher Degrees in this Chapter, when Brs. S. Gilbert, Geo. Guest & G. W. Kruger were appointed a Committee to investigate his character.

Rec'd a Petition from Br. Myal P. Comstock to receive the Higher Degrees in this Chapter, and Brs. Joseph York, B. Nichols & J. Owen were appointed a Committee to investigate his character.

Rec'd a Petition from Br. W. Briggs to receive the higher degrees in this Chapter and Brs. R. Hack, J. Berthrong & G. W. Seymour was appointed a Committee to investigate his character.

Br. B. Hathaway's acct. of \$4 was allowed.

Br. A. Kingsbury made a motion in writing to alter the 8th Article of our By-Laws.

Rec'd a petition from Br. A. Siben to become a member of this Chapter and Brs. S. Gilbert, J. Perry & J. York appointed a Committee to investigate his character.

Lodge closed in due form.

(Signed) G. W. Kruger, Sec'y ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 30v-31](#)).

No. 76

Extra Communication — Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Convened at Masons Hall 28th January A.D. 5823

Present

R.W. Josiah Perry, HP

Br. Joseph York.

" A. Siben.

" J. Berthrong, Treasurer

" G. W. Kruger, Secretary

" S. Gilbert.

" A. Bacon.

" David Owen.

" B. Houghton, Tyler

" B. Nichols

" A. Kingsbury

" John Johnson

Visiting Brethren

J. Stone

J. M. Osborn

M. Jamison

— Olderstein

— Folrow

Peter Wheeler

Mark Masters Lodge opened in due form.

Br. J. Berthrong's acct. of \$1.50 was allowed.

Br. Calvin Alexander, after being prepared, received the honorary degree of Mark Master Mason in due form.

Mark Masters Lodge closed and a Lodge of Past Masters opened in due form, when Brs. P. Wheeler and C. Alexander were installed and passed the Chair in due form.

Br. P. Wheeler paid \$4.

Past Masters Lodge closed in due form.

(Signed) G. W. Kruger, Sec'y ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 31](#)).

No. 77

Regular Communication — Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Convened at Masons Hall 18th February A.D. 5823

Present

R.M. Josiah Perry, HP

Br. Abial Silbern.

Br. G. W. Seymour.

Br. J. Berthrong, Treasurer

Br. G. W. Kruger, Secretary

Br. S. Gilbert.

Br. A. Kingsbury.

Br. M. Jamison.

Br. B. Hathaway, Tyler

Brs. B. Nichols, C. Alexander, J. Johnson, A. Bacon, J. York, R. Hack

Visitors

— Hutchins

J. M. Osborn

W. Miner

& H. Church

Mark Masters Lodge opened in due form.

The Committee appointed to investigate the characters of Brs. Myall P. Comstock, Moses Rowley, Wylson Briggs and Abial Silbern reported in their favor, which said report was received, whereupon ballots were taken and found unanimous in favour of the above mentioned candidates.

Br. A. Silbern signed the By-Laws and paid One Dollar.

Brs. Moses Rowley & Myall Comstock, after being duly prepared, received the degree of Mark Master Mason, and Br. Comstock paid fees Five Dollars.

Mark Masters Lodge closed in due form.

Lodge of Past Master Masons opened, and Brs. Moses Rowley & Myall Comstock were regularly installed and passed the Chair.

Lodge of Past Master Masons closed.

Lodge of Most Excellent Masters opened, when Brs. Moses Rowley, Myall Comstock, & Calvin Alexander were acknowledged and received as Most Excellent Master Masons.

Lodge of Most Excellent Masters closed, and a Chapter of Companion R.A. Masons opened, when Brs. M. Rowley, M. Comstock and C. Alexander, after being duly prepared, were Exalted to the Sublime Degree of Royal Arch Masons.

It was moved that Br. Kingsbury's motion for amending the 8th Section of the Bye Laws lie over until the next communication.

The Committee on Br. Olmstead's case have leave to report at the next meeting. Br. S. Gilbert affirmed Twenty two Dollars for Br. M. Rowley, & also Twenty two Dollars for Br. C. Alexander. Br. M. Comstock paid one Dollar and gave his & Br. B. Nichols' note for Sixteen Dollars, Com. Joseph Ames Jr. paid Two Dollars, and Com. A. B. Andrews paid Twenty three Dollars and ninety two cents. Cash Sixteen Dollars paid for the above notes.

Chapter closed in due form.

(Signed) G. W. Kruger, Secy ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 31v-32](#)).

No. 78

Regular communication of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Convened at Masons Hall 25th March 5823

Present

R.W. Josiah Perry, HP

Br. J. W. Spencer.

" J. Crawford.

" J. Johnston, Treasurer.

" G. W. Kruger, Secretary

" S. Gilbert.

" R. Webster.

" A. Bacon.

" B. Houghton, Tyler

" A. Kingsbury, D. Owen, C. Alexander, G. Guest, and J. York

Visitors

— Peck

Br. Churchill

Mark Masters Lodge opened in due form.

The Petition of Br. Worden Griffin to receive the higher degrees of Masonry was received and Brs. S. Gilbert, A. Bacon and R. Webster were appointed a committee to investigate his character.

Br. Wilson Briggs after being duly prepared received the degree of Mark Master Mason, and paid Five Dollars.

Lodge closed and a Lodge of Past Masters opened when Br. Wifson Briggs was regularly installed and passed the Chair, and paid Four Dollars.

It was moved and carried that Br. Kingsbury's motion for amending the 8th Section of our By-Laws lie over until the next Communication.

(Signed) G. W. Kruger, Secy ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 32](#)).

No. 79

Regular Communication Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Convened at Masons Hall 22. April 5823.

Present

R.W. Josiah Perry HP.

Br. Joseph York.

" G. W. Seymour.

" J. Johnson Treasurer Rt.

" G.W. Kruger Secretary.

" S. Gilbert.

" A. Bacon.

" R. Webster.

" B. Houghton Tyler.

Br. D. Owen, A. Kingsbury, A. Silver and Geo. Guest.

Visitor

Nathan Dodd

Lodge of Mark Master Masons opened in due form.

The Committee to investigate the character of Br. Worden Griffin on his petition for the higher degrees of Masonry, reported in his favor, whereupon a ballot was taken for his admission and found unanimous in his

favor, and after being duly prepared he received the honorary degree of Mark Master Mason and paid Five Dollars.

Br. D. Owen paid fifty cents – also paid two shillings for and at the request of Br. A. C. Low who having paid all dues is discharged from this Chapter by the request of Br. Owen. Br. S. Gilbert made the same request in favor of Br. Palmer Cleveland, and he was discharged from this Chapter, having paid all dues.

Br. Joseph Ames 2d paid one Dollar and twenty five cents. Br. George Guest paid twenty five cents.

Lodge Mark Masters closed in due form.

Lodge of Past Master Masons opened. Br. Worden Griffin was regularly installed and passed the chair.

It was moved & carried that Br. Kingsbury's motion to amend the 8th section of the Bye Laws lie over till the next Communication.

Lodge closed in due form.

(Signed) G.W. Kruger, Secy ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 32v](#)).

No. 80

Regular Communication Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Convened at Masons Hall May 25. 5823.

Present

Lodge opened on the Most Excellent Masters Degree.

It was voted to allow Br. Johnson's acct. of sixty cents for candles.

Voted that this Chapter comply with the invitation of St. Lawrence Lodge to unite with them, as a body at the celebration of St. Johns.

Brs. Wesson Briggs & Worden Griffin, after being duly prepared, were received & acknowledged Most Excellent Masters, and paid each Three Dollars.

Lodge closed in due form.

(Signed) Moses Rowley, Secy. Rt. ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 33](#)).

No. 81

Regular Communication Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Convened at Masons Hall June 11th 5823.

Present

J. Perry H.P.

Comp. J. York, King

" G. Guest, Scribe Rt.

" B. Nichols, Treas. Rt.

" G.W. Kruger, Secy.

" A. Silver, P.C.

" A. Bacon.

" C. Alexander.

" B. Houghton, Tyler.

Compn. A. Kingsbury, R. Hack and R. Webster.

Visitor

Cary Brooks

Chapter of R.A. Masons opened in due form.

The Petition of Br. Lewis Perry for the higher degrees of Masonry was received, and Compns. A. Bacon, J. York and A. Kingsbury were appointed a committee to investigate his character.

Resolved that Brs. Wesson Briggs & Worden Griffin's fees for exaltation be charged to Compn. A. Bacon by his consent.

Brs. Briggs & Griffin after being duly prepared were exalted to the sublime degree of Royal Arch Mason.

Chapter closed in due form.

(Signed) G. W. Kruger, Secy ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 33-33v](#)).

No. 82

Regular Communication Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Convened at Masons Hall July 22d 5823.

Present

R.M. J. Perry, HP.

Br. Joseph York.

" A. Kingsbury.

" A. C. Low, Secy. Rt.

" J. Berthrong, Treas.
" A. Kingsbury.
" W. Griffin.
" R. Webster.
" B. Houghton, Tyler.

Mark Masters Lodge opened in due form.

Voted that the committee appointed to investigate the character of Br. J. Perry Jr. have leave to delay their report until the next communication.

Lodge closed in due form.

(Signed) A. C. Low, Secy. Rt. ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 33v](#)).

No. 83

Regular Communication of Ogdensburgh Chapter

Convened at Masons Hall August 19th 5823.

Present

R.W. Josiah Perry, HP

Br. Silvester Gilbert.

" A. Alexander.

" G. W. Kruger, Secretary.

" John Perry paid Six Dollars.

" M. Comstock.

" R. Webster.

" Th. Hifts.

" Th. Griffin.

" B. Houghton Tyler.

Voted that Br. A. Bacon have leave to withdraw the petition of Br. J. Perry Jr., and the committee be discharged.

Br. A. Silver paid twenty five cents, all due for a Mark Master degree, which was elevated in due form.

(Signed) G. W. Kruger, Secretary ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 33v-34](#)).

No. 84

Regular Communication Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Convened at Masons Hall September 16th 5823.

Present

R.W. J. Perry, HP.

Br. A. Kingsbury.

" R. Webster.

" G.W. Kruger, Secretary.

" J. Berthrong, Treasurer.

" J. Griffin.

" A. Bacon.

" B. Houghton, Tyler.

Br. C. Alexander.

Mark Master Lodge opened in due form.

A committee consisting of Brs. J. Berthrong, A. Kingsbury and C. Alexander was appointed to act in concert with a committee appointed to report on the expediency of removing this Chapter to a room in the Store of Br. A. Bacon and to call an early meeting to make arrangements for that purpose.

Lodge closed in due form.

(Signed) G.W. Kruger, Secy ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 34](#)).

No. 85.

Regular Communication. Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63. Convened at Masons Hall October 11th, 1823.

Present

R. W. J. Perry, HP

Br. J. York.

Br. G. M. Seymour.

Br. G. W. Kruger, Sec'y.

Br. G. Guest, Treas'r.

Br. A. Kingsbury.
Br. A. Silver.
Br. W. Griffin.
Br. Houghton, Tyler.
Stowell, Shepherd
Jennison, Brooks
Foot, Dearborn & Minor.

Lodge of Most Excellent Masters opened in due form. The petition of Br. Elijah Wood to receive the higher degrees of Masonry was received and read, and Brs. G. Guest, G. W. Kruger & A. Silver appointed a committee to investigate his character.

Br. P. Wheeler, after being duly prepared, was received & acknowledged as a Most Excellent Master Mason.

Lodge of Most Excellent Masters closed and a Chapter of R.A. Masons opened in due form.

Br. P. Wheeler, after being duly prepared, was Exalted to the Sublime Degree of a R.A. Mason and paid seven dollars.

Comp. J. York became accountable for the balance of fees, being six dollars.

Chapter closed in due form.

(Signed) G. W. Kruger, Sec'y ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 34v](#)).

No. 86.

Regular Communication. Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63.

Convened at Masons Hall November 18, 5823.

Present

R. W. J. Perry, HP

Br. G. Guest.

Br. A. Silver.

Br. G. W. Kruger, Secretary

Br. W. Kellogg.

Br. Minor.

Br. W. Griffin.

Br. Houghton, Tyler

A. Kingsbury and H. Church

Visitors

Brs. M. Myers and Taggart.

Lodge of Mark Masters opened in due form.

A report of the committee on the petition of Br. E. Wood was received in his favor, and a ballot taken which was unanimous in his favor.

The report of the committee appointed to confer with Br. A. Bacon for the use of a room in his stone store was received, and an unanimous vote passed that it should be received.

An account of nineteen dollars and fifty cents in favor of Br. B. Houghton for fitting the Chapter was allowed.

Br. W. Griffin paid twenty-five cents.

Br. J. Perry paid seventy-five cents.

Brs. C. J. Brown, G. Guest and A. Silver were appointed a committee to settle accounts between the Chapter and the Secretary and Treasurer.

Lodge closed in due form.

(Signed)

Gust. W. Kruger ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 35](#)).

No. 87.

Special Communication. Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63.

Convened at Masons Hall December 6th, 5823.

Present

R. W. J. Perry, HP

Br. J. York.

Br. A. Silver.

Br. G. W. Kruger, Sec'y

Br. J. Berthrong.

Br. J. Johnston, Tyler.

Lodge of Mark Master Masons opened in due form.
A motion was made and seconded for the removal of this Chapter.
Lodge closed in due form.
(Signed)
G. W. Kruger, Sec'y ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 35-35v](#)).

No. 88.
Special Communication. Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63.
Convened at Masons Hall December 16th, 5823.
Present
R. W. J. Perry, HP
Br. A. Silver.
Br. R. Webster.
Br. G. W. Kruger, Sec'y
Br. J. Berthrong, Treasurer
Br. A. Bacon, S.D.
Br. B. Houghton, Tyler
Brs. J. Gilbert, C. Alexander, M. Cornstock & Br. Nichols, Jr.

Lodge of Mark Master Masons opened in due form.
It was unanimously resolved that this Chapter be removed to the upper room in the stone store of
Br. A. Bacon.
D. Mack paid twenty-five cents.
Lodge closed in due form.
(Signed)
G. W. Kruger, Sec'y ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 35v](#)).

No. 89.
Regular Communication. Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63.
Convened at the New Masons Hall, December 16th, 5823.
Present
R. W. Josiah Perry, HP
Br. A. Myner.
Br. G. M. Seymour.
Br. G. W. Kruger, Sec'y
Br. J. Berthrong, Treasurer
Br. A. Kingsbury.
Br. H. Church, R.A. Capt.
Br. A. Bacon, M. Veil
Br. B. Houghton, Tyler
Brs. A. Silver, D. Mack, Br. Nichols, Jr., M. Comstock, J. Johnston, W. Griffin, C. Alexander, J. Gilbert
and C. J.
Brown.

Lodge of Mark Masters opened in due form.
Br. Alexander paid twenty-five cents, and Br. B. Nichols, Jr. paid seventy-five cents.
The Chapter proceeded to choose their officers for the ensuing year, and after canvassing the ballots, the
following Brethren were declared to be duly elected, viz:

Companion Josiah Perry — High Priest
" George Guest — King
" Harvey Church — Scribe
" John Berthrong — Treasurer
" Gustavus W. Kruger — Secretary
" Amos Bacon — R.A. Captain
" Rowlan Webster — M. 3rd Veil
" C. J. Brown — M. 2nd Veil
" Calvin Alexander — M. 1st Veil
" A. Kingsbury and W. Griffin — Stewards
" B. Houghton — Tyler

All the above officers were regularly installed in their respective offices.

A motion was made and carried that the committee appointed to settle the accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer have leave to report at the next regular communication.

The petition of Wolcott Griffin for the higher degrees of Masonry was received, and Brs. A. Bacon, J. Gilbert, and H. Church appointed as a committee to investigate his character.

Lodge closed in due form.

G. W. Kruger, Sec'y ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 36-36v](#)).

The year 1823 marked a period of material and organizational renewal for Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63. By this time, the Chapter had moved beyond its formative stage, with its administrative structure, system of governance, and financial organization fully established. The principal focus shifted toward improving the conditions of the Chapter's operation, as reflected in its relocation to a new meeting hall, the continued renewal of its corps of officers, and the strengthening of administrative stability. These developments demonstrate the Chapter's transition from its formative stage to a period of stable growth and long-term institutional continuity.

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No. 90.

Regular Communication of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63.

Convened at Masons Hall, January 13th, 5824.

Present

R. W. J. Perry, HP

Br. Geo. Guest.

Br. H. Church.

Br. A. Bacon.

Br. R. Webster.

Br. A. Silver.

Br. J. Berthrong, Treasurer

Br. C. Gurney, Sec'y Pro Tem.

Brs. Kingsbury, J. Johnston, C. J. Brown, J. A. Andrews, W. Wilson, M. Rowley, W. Griffin.

Lodge opened on the Mark Master degree in due form.

The minutes of the last regular communication were read.

The committee to settle with the Treasurer made their report.

On motion of Br. G. Guest, it was resolved that Brs. A. Bacon and J. Gilbert be added to the committee to settle the accounts of the Treasurer.

On motion of Br. C. J. Brown, it was resolved that he be discharged from said committee, and that he also be discharged from this Chapter on paying dues in full, which he did, two dollars.

The committee appointed to investigate the character of Br. Wolcott Griffin reported in his favor, and a ballot was taken in favor of his admission to the higher degrees of Masonry in this Chapter, and was found unanimous; whereupon the Chapter conferred upon him the honorary degree of Mark Master Mason in due form, and received for conferring the same five dollars.

Lodge closed in due form, and a Lodge of Past Master Masons opened in due form.

Wolcott Griffin, after being duly prepared, received the degree of Past Master Mason in due form, and paid fees four dollars.

On motion of Br. A. Bacon, resolved that a committee be appointed to dispose of such furniture belonging to this Chapter as is useless, and also of such as belongs to the Chapter and Lodge jointly, and to act with a committee which may be appointed by the latter.

Brs. J. Gilbert, A. Bacon, and H. Church were appointed said committee after the Chapter.

Br. Warner's account of six dollars and fifty cents for refreshments was presented, dated 1823, and allowed in full.

On motion, Resolved, that the ballot heretofore taken in this Lodge in favor of Elijah Wood for the higher degrees of Masonry be reconsidered, and that he have leave to withdraw his petition.

On motion, Resolved, that a committee of one be appointed to agree with Br. Levi Sexton to do the ornamental painting of this Lodge room, and that Br. J. Perry be the committee.

Lodge closed in due form.

(Signed)

C. Gurney, Sec'y Pro Tem ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 36v-37v](#)).

No. 91.

Regular Communication. Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63.

Convened at Masons Hall, February 10th, 5824.

Present

R. W. J. Gilbert, HP Pro Tem.

Br. A. Bacon.

Br. A. Silver.

Br. J. Berthrong, Treasurer

Br. G. W. Kruger, Sec'y

Br. R. Webster.

Br. W. Griffin.

Br. J. Johnson.

Br. B. Houghton, Tyler

Brs. M. Rowley, H. Rowley, Jennison, Merrill, Crawford, Duck, More, Andrews, and J. Perry.

Lodge of Mark Master Masons opened in due form.

Master Rowley paid fifty cents.

A motion was made and seconded that the committee to settle with the Secretary and Treasurer have leave to report at the next regular communication.

The petitions of Brs. John J. Gilbert and James C. Martin for the higher degrees of Masonry were received, and Brs. A. Bacon, A. Silver, and G. W. Kruger were appointed a committee to appointed their characters.

The report of the committee on the petition of Brs. John J. Gilbert and James C. Martin was received, and a ballot taken, which proved unanimous in their favor.

Br. G. W. Kruger, Sec'y.

Lodge closed in due form.

(Signed)

G. W. Kruger, Sec'y ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 37v-38](#)).

No. 92.

Regular Communication of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Convened at Masons Hall, March 9th, 5824.

Present

Br. G. Guest, H.P.

Br. A. Kingsbury, K.

Br. J. Berthrong, Treasurer

Br. G. W. Kruger, Sec'y

Br. J. Gilbert.

Br. A. Bacon.

Br. A. Silver, C. of H.

Br. Houghton, Tyler

Brs. R. Webster, H. Church, Henry Post, J. A. Andrews, J. B. Brown, C. Alexander, Z. W. Wells, D. Warner, J. Gilbert, J. C. Martin, J. Parks and M. Merriam.

Br. B. Nichols paid twenty-five cents.

Br. A. Silver paid one dollar.

Br. C. Alexander paid five dollars.

Br. J. G. Martin paid three dollars.

Br. J. C. Martin paid five dollars.

Lodge opened on the Mark Master degree.

The report of the committee who were appointed to investigate the characters of the petitioners John J. Gilbert and James C. Martin was received in favor of the candidates, and a ballot was taken for them unanimously in their favor, after which they were admitted to the honorary degree of Mark Master Mason.

The report of the committee to settle with the Secretary and Treasurer was received and read.

A motion was made and seconded that the Chapter agree to pay three dollars per member into the hands of the Secretary within three days from date for the purpose of discharging the debt contracted with J. P. Germain of Albany.

On motion, resolved that the account of Messrs. Strachan and Fairchild, of one dollar for printing notices for removing the Chapter, be allowed.

Lodge closed in due form.

(Signed)

G. W. Kruger, Sec'y ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 38-38v](#)).

No. 93

Special Communication of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63.

Convened at Masons Hall, March 23rd, 5824.

Present

R. W. Josiah Perry, HP.

Br. A. Silver.

Br. J. Johnston.

Br. J. Berthrong, Treasurer

Br. G. W. Kruger, Sec'y

Br. A. Minor.

Br. P. Wheeler.

Br. B. Houghton, Tyler

Lodge of Mark Master Masons opened in due form.

The petitions of Paul Boynton and E. W. Clyghorn to receive the higher degrees of Masonry were read, and Brs. J. Perry, A. Silver, and J. Gilbert appointed a committee to investigate their characters.

The petition of Noah Barrell for the higher degrees of Masonry was received, and Brs. J. Gilbert, M. Rowley, and G. M. Seymour were appointed the committee to investigate his character.

The petition of George Mashers for the higher degrees of Masonry was received, and Brs. J. Gilbert, R. Webster, and J. Johnston were appointed the committee on it.

Lodge closed in due form.

(Signed) G. W. Kruger, Sec'y ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 38v](#)).

No. 94

Special Communication. Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63.

Convened at Masons Hall, April 7th, 5824.

Present

R. W. J. Perry, HP.

Br. G. Guest.

Br. A. Kingsbury.

Br. J. Berthrong, Treasurer

Br. G. W. Kruger, Sec'y

Br. R. Webster.

Br. A. Minor.

Br. W. Griffin.

Br. B. Houghton, Tyler

Brs. J. E. Martin, J. Johnston, A. Silver, D. Owen.

Visitors: Brs. M. Rowell, M. Myers, Andrews and Hough.

Lodge of Mark Masters opened in due form.

The petition of Br. Joab Seely for the Most Excellent Master's and Royal Arch Degrees of Masonry was received, and Brs. A. Kingsbury, G. Guest and A. Silver appointed a committee to investigate his character.

Br. James E. Martin was regularly installed and passed the Chair, after the above Lodge was closed, and a Lodge of Past Masters opened in due form.

Br. Daniel Mack paid twenty-five cents.

Br. W. Griffin paid twenty-five cents.

Lodge of Past Masters closed in due form.

(Signed)

G. W. Kruger, Sec'y

Note (later annotation in the margin):

It does not appear by the minutes of the Secretary that there was a Lodge of Past Masters ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 39](#)).

No. 95

Regular Communication. Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63.

Convened at Masons Hall, April 13th, 5824.

Present

R. W. J. Perry, HP.

Br. A. Silver.

Br. A. Kingsbury.

Br. J. Berthrong, Treasurer

Br. G. W. Kruger, Sec'y
Br. W. Griffin.
Br. D. Mack.
Br. J. Gilbert.
Br. B. Houghton, Tyler
Visitors
Br. M. Rowell
Br. Hough
Br. C. Knapp
Brs. Webster, Minor and Andrews.

Lodge of Mark Masters opened in due form.

The report of the committee on the petition of Br. Joab Seely was received in his favor, and a ballot was taken which was unanimous.

The report of the committee on the petitions of Brs. Paul Boynton and John W. Cleghorn was received in their favor, and a ballot was taken in favor of J. W. Cleghorn and was unanimous.

The report of the committee on the petition of Br. Noah Barrell was received and accepted, and a ballot taken which was unanimous in favor of the candidate.

The report of the committee on the petition of George Mosher was received and accepted, and a ballot taken which was unanimous in his favor.

Lodge of Mark Masters closed, and a Lodge of Most Excellent Masters opened in due form.

Brs. James E. Martin and Joab Seely, after being duly prepared, were both received and acknowledged Most Excellent Master Masons.

Brs. A. Kingsbury and John Berthrong became jointly obligated for the fees due from Br. Joab Seely for receiving the degrees of Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason.

Lodge of Most Excellent Masters closed, and a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons opened in due form.

Brs. James E. Martin and Joab Seely were both exalted to the Sublime Degree of Royal Arch Mason in due form.

Chapter of Royal Arch Masons closed in due form.

(Signed)

Gust. W. Kruger, Sec'y ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 39-40](#)).

No. 96

Special Communication. Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63.

Convened at Masons Hall, April 25th, 5824.

Present

R. W. J. Perry, HP

Br. J. Gilbert.

Br. G. Guest.

Br. J. E. Martin, Treasurer Pro Tem.

Br. G. W. Kruger, Sec'y

Br. A. Bacon.

Br. D. Owen.

Br. B. Houghton, Tyler

Lodge of Mark Masters opened in due form.

The petition of David R. Strachan for the higher degrees of Masonry was received, and Brs. J. Perry, G. Guest, and J. Gilbert were appointed a committee to investigate his character.

Lodge closed in due form.

(Signed)

G. W. Kruger, Sec'y ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 40](#)).

No. 97

Regular Communication of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63.

Convened at Masons Hall, May 11th, 5824.

Present

R. W. J. Perry, HP

Br. G. Guest.

Br. H. Church.

Br. D. Owen, Treasurer Pro Tem.

Br. G. W. Kruger, Sec'y

Br. J. Gilbert.
Br. R. Webster.
Br. A. Bacon.
Br. B. Houghton, Tyler
Visitors
Br. M. Myers
L. Lincoln

Brs. R. Hack, M. Rowley, W. Griffin, A. Kingsbury, A. Silver, Jas. E. Martin, C. Minor, D. Mack, and J. Gilbert.

Lodge of Mark Masters opened in due form.

The report of the committee on the petition of Br. D. R. Strachan was received and accepted, and a ballot taken which was unanimous in his favor; and after being duly prepared he was honored with and received the degree of Mark Master Mason in due form, and paid fees five dollars.

Br. Noah Barrell, after being duly prepared, received the honorary degree of Mark Master Mason in due form, and paid fees five dollars.

A ballot was taken for Br. Paul Boynton's admission, and was unanimous in his favor.

The petition of Br. Horatio Peck for the higher degrees of Masonry was received, and Brs. J. Gilbert, Jas. E. Martin, and A. Kingsbury were appointed a committee to investigate his character.

The petition of Br. Nelson J. Doty to receive the several degrees of Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason in this Chapter was received, and Brs. G. Guest, A. Silver, and H. Church were appointed a committee to investigate his character.

On motion, Resolved, that Brs. J. York, G. Guest, and A. Bacon be a committee to settle the accounts of the Secretary with this Chapter.

Lodge of Mark Masters closed in due form, and a Lodge of Past Masters opened in due form.

Brs. Noah Barrell and David R. Strachan, after being severally duly prepared, were severally duly installed and passed the Chair, and paid fees four dollars each.

A committee consisting of Brs. J. Gilbert, J. Berthrong, and A. Kingsbury was appointed to devise some means of better securing the Lodge room floor.

Lodge closed in due form.

(Signed)

G. W. Kruger, Sec'y ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 40-40v](#)).

No. 98

Special Communication. Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63.

Convened at Masons Hall, June 4th, 5824.

Present

R. W. Josiah Perry, HP.

Br. J. York.

Br. G. M. Seymour.

Br. A. Silver.

Br. R. Webster.

Br. J. Gilbert.

Br. J. Berthrong, Treasurer

Br. Jas. E. Martin, Sec'y Pro Tem.

Brs. Hackley, M. Myers, C. Minor, A. Bacon, and A. Kingsbury.

Lodge of Mark Masters opened in due form.

Brs. John W. Cleghorn and Paul Boynton, after being severally duly prepared, received the Honorary Degree of Mark Master Mason, and paid fees for the same, five dollars each.

Lodge closed in due form, and a Lodge of Past Masters opened in due form.

Br. John W. Cleghorn was regularly installed and passed the Chair, and paid fees four dollars.

Lodge closed in due form.

(Signed)

Jas. E. Martin, Sec'y Pro Tem ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 41](#)).

No. 99

Regular Communication. Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63.

Convened at Masons Hall, June 8th, 5824.

Present

R. W. Josiah Perry, HP.

Br. A. Kingsbury.
Br. Pierce Shephard.
Br. Horatio Berthrong.
Br. Paul Boynton.
Br. A. Silver.
Br. John Berthrong, Treasurer
Br. Jas. E. Martin, Sec'y Pro Tem.
Also present:
Brs. C. Alexander, R. Webster, and A. Bacon.

Lodge of Mark Masters opened in due form.

The committee on the petition of Horatio Peck reported in his favor, and a ballot was taken and was unanimous in his favor; and after being duly prepared Br. Peck received the Honorary Degree of Mark Master Mason in due form, and paid fees for the same five dollars.

On motion, Resolved, that this Chapter will appear in their proper body on the eleventh instant, to assist St. Lawrence Lodge in laying the cornerstone of the First Presbyterian Church of Ogdensburgh, in order.

On motion, Resolved, that Br. C. J. Brown be requested to write up the books and arrange the accounts of this Chapter, and that he be allowed for such services a reasonable compensation.

Lodge closed in due form.

(Signed)

Jas. E. Martin, Sec'y Pro Tem ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 41-41v](#)).

No. 100

Special Communication. Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63.

Convened at Masons Hall, July 1st, 5824.

Present

R. W. J. Perry, HP.
Br. G. Guest.
Br. A. Kingsbury.
Br. A. Bacon.
Br. J. Berthrong, Treasurer
Br. Jas. E. Martin, Sec'y Pro Tem.
Br. C. Alexander.
Br. C. J. Brown.
Br. B. Houghton, Tyler

Lodge of Mark Master Masons opened in due form.

The petition of Br. Loring C. Hubbell for the higher degrees of Masonry was received and Brs. J. Gilbert, A. Silver & G. Guest were appointed a committee to investigate his character.

The petition of Br. Pierce Shepherd to become a member of this Chapter was received, and Brs. J. Gilbert, A. Silver and G. Guest were appointed a committee to investigate his character.

Lodge closed in due form.

(Signed)

Jas. E. Martin, Sec'y Pro Tem ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 41v-42](#)).

No. 101

Regular Communication of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63.

Convened at Masons Hall, July 6th, 5824.

Present

R. W. Josiah Perry, HP.
Br. G. Guest.
Br. A. Kingsbury.
Br. A. Hackley, Treasurer Pro Tem.
Br. James E. Martin, Sec'y Pro Tem.
Br. C. J. Brown.
Br. C. Alexander.
Br. W. Briggs.
Br. B. Houghton, Tyler.

Lodge of Mark Masters duly opened.

The committee on the several petitions of Brs. L. C. Hubbell and Pierce Shepherd reported in their favor respectively, and ballots taken for them in due form were found unanimous in their favor.

Lodge adjourned until Tuesday next at 5 o'clock P.M.

Lodge closed in due form.

(Signed)

Jas. E. Martin, Sec'y Pro Tem ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 42](#)).

No. 102

Special Communication. Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63.

Convened at Masons Hall, July 13th, 5824.

Present

R. W. Josiah Perry, HP

Br. A. Silver.

Br. B. J. Doty.

Br. John Berthrong, Treasurer

Br. Jas. E. Martin, Sec'y Pro Tem.

Br. Joab Seely.

Br. R. Webster.

Br. W. Griffin.

Br. B. Houghton, Tyler

Br. Myers.

Lodge of Mark Masters opened in due form.

Br. James E. Martin paid fees due to this Chapter for conferring on him the degree of Royal Arch Mason, two dollars.

Br. Loring C. Hubbell, after being duly prepared, received the Honorary Degree of Mark Master Mason in due form and paid for the same five dollars.

The petition of Br. Willis Flint to receive the higher degrees of Masonry was received, and Brs. A. Bacon, A. Silver, and J. Gilbert were appointed a committee to investigate his character.

Also the petition of Br. John Proctor for the same, and Brs. P. Shepherd, J. Perry, and J. Gilbert were appointed a committee to investigate his character.

Also the petition of Br. Leonard J. Belding for the same, and Brs. P. Shepherd, A. Silver, and W. Griffin were appointed a committee to investigate his character.

Lodge of Mark Masters closed in due form, and a Lodge of Past Masters opened in due form.

Br. Baron J. Doty, after being duly prepared, was regularly installed and passed the Chair, and paid fees for the same four dollars.

Br. P. Shepherd signed the By-Laws and paid fees for membership one dollar.

On motion, Resolved, that a committee be appointed to audit all accounts presented to this Chapter and report thereon, and that Brs. J. York, J. Gilbert, and A. Bacon be that committee.

Lodge closed in due form.

(Signed)

Jas. E. Martin, Sec'y Pro Tem ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 42v-43](#)).

No. 103

Special Communication. Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63.

Convened at Masons Hall, July 20th, 5824.

Present

R. W. Josiah Perry, HP

Br. George Guest.

Br. A. Kingsbury.

Br. A. Bacon, Treasurer Pro Tem.

Br. Jas. E. Martin, Sec'y Pro Tem.

Br. R. Webster.

Br. C. J. Brown.

Br. John Crawford.

Br. B. Houghton, Tyler

Brs. A. Silver, H. Church, and Sam'l Taggart.

Lodge of Past Masters opened in due form.

Br. L. C. Hubbell, after being duly prepared, was regularly installed and passed the Chair, and paid fees for the same four dollars.

Lodge closed in due form, and a Lodge of Most Excellent Masters opened in due form.

The petition of Br. Walter Barkdoll for the higher degrees of Masonry was received, and Brs. H. Church, A. Kingsbury, and Jas. E. Martin were appointed a committee to investigate his character.

The petition of Br. Israel Porter for the higher degrees of Masonry was received, and Brs. M. Rowley, J. Gilbert, and A. Kingsbury were appointed a committee to investigate his character.

The petition of Br. Aaron Rowley for the higher degrees of Masonry was received, and Brs. J. Perry, J. Gilbert and A. Kingsbury were appointed a committee to investigate his character.

Brs. Noah Barrell, John W. Cleghorn and Loring C. Hubbell, after being duly prepared, were received and acknowledged Most Excellent Master Masons in due form, and each paid fees three dollars.

Lodge closed in due form, and a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons opened in due form.

Brs. Noah Barrell, John W. Cleghorn and Loring C. Hubbell, after being duly prepared, were exalted to the Sublime Degree of Royal Arch Masons in due form, and paid fees ten dollars each.

Chapter closed in due form.

(Signed)

Jas. E. Martin, Sec'y Pro Tem ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 43-43v](#)).

No. 104

Regular Communication. Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63.

Convened at Masons Hall, August 3rd, 5824.

Present

R. W. Josiah Perry, HP

Br. G. Guest.

Br. J. York.

Br. A. Silver, Treasurer Pro Tem.

Br. Jas. E. Martin, Sec'y Pro Tem.

Br. A. Kingsbury.

Br. R. Webster.

Br. J. Gilbert.

Br. B. Houghton, Tyler.

Br. J. Johnson.

Lodge of Mark Masters opened in due form.

The several committees on the petitions of Brs. Aaron Rowley, Walter Barkdoll, Israel Porter, and Willis Flint, on the petitions for the higher degrees of Masonry, reported in their favor, and ballots were severally taken and were unanimous in their favor.

Br. Willis Flint, after being duly prepared, received the Honorary Degree of Mark Master Mason and paid fees for the same five dollars.

Lodge closed in due form, and a Lodge of Past Masters opened in due form.

Br. Paul Boynton, after being duly prepared, was regularly installed and passed the Chair, and paid fees for the same four dollars.

The committee to audit accounts reported relative to the account of S. P. Jermain of Albany.

Lodge closed in due form.

(Signed)

Jas. E. Martin, Sec'y Pro Tem ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 43v-44](#)).

No. 105

Special Communication. Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63.

Convened at Masons Hall, September 5th, 5824.

Present

R. W. Josiah Perry, HP.

Br. G. Guest.

Br. H. Church.

Br. A. Bacon, Treasurer Pro Tem.

Br. Jas. E. Martin, Sec'y Pro Tem.

Br. A. Kingsbury.

Br. R. Webster.

Br. A. Silver.

Brs. L. C. Hubbell, J. Gilbert, and D. R. Strachan.

Lodge of Mark Masters opened in due form.

Br. Israel Porter, after being duly prepared, received the Honorary Degree of Mark Master Mason and paid five dollars.

Lodge closed in due form.

(Signed) Jas. E. Martin, Sec'y Pro Tem ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 44](#)).

No. 106

Regular Communication. Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63.
Convened at Masons Hall, September 7th, 5824.

Present

Br. Silvester Gilbert, HP Pro Tem.
Br. G. Guest.
Br. A. Silver.
Br. R. Webster, Treasurer Pro Tem.
Br. Jas. E. Martin, Sec'y Pro Tem.
Br. D. R. Strachan.
Br. Paul Boynton.
Br. C. J. Brown.
Br. B. Houghton, Tyler.
Br. L. C. Hubbell.

Lodge of Mark Masters opened in due form.

Br. A. Bacon presented a bill to the Chapter at \$3.57.

Br. A. Kingsbury a bill for \$2.57.

And Br. Jas. E. Martin a bill for \$2.06¼.

All of which were duly allowed.

Lodge closed in due form.

(Signed)

J. E. Martin, Sec'y Pro Tem ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 44v](#)).

No. 107

Regular Communication. Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63.
Convened at Masons Hall, October 5th, 5824.

Present

R. W. S. Gilbert, HP. Pro Tem.
Br. G. Guest.
Br. A. Silver.
Br. J. Berthrong, Treasurer.
Br. L. C. Hubbell, Sec'y Pro Tem.
Br. A. Kingsbury.
Br. H. Church.
Br. D. R. Strachan.
Br. B. Houghton, Tyler.
Br. P. Shepherd visiting.
Br. Whitney.

Lodge of Mark Masters opened in due form.

The several committees appointed on the petitions of Brs. Leonard J. Belding and John Proctor reported severally in their favor, and ballots were severally taken for them and were unanimous in their favor.

Br. Aaron Rowley, after being duly prepared, received the Honorary Degree of Mark Master Mason and paid for the same five dollars.

A petition for the higher degrees of Masonry having been presented by Br. Aaron Atwood, and it being misplaced or lost,

Resolved, that Brs. A. Kingsbury, J. Gilbert, and C. J. Brown be a committee to investigate the character of the said petitioner, and that they make report, if possible, at the next communication of this Chapter.

Lodge closed in due form.

L. C. Hubbell, Sec'y Pro Tem ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 44v-45](#)).

No. 108

Special Communication. Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63.
Convened at Masons Hall, October 7th, 5824.

Present

R. W. S. Gilbert, HP. Pro Tem.
Br. G. Guest.
Br. A. Silver.
Br. J. Berthrong, Treasurer.
Br. L. C. Hubbell, Sec'y Pro Tem.

Br. A. Kingsbury.
Br. R. Webster.
Br. W. Griffin.
Br. B. Houghton, Tyler.

Lodge of Mark Masters opened in due form.

The committee appointed to investigate the character of Br. Aaron Atwood, not having reported, Resolved, that Brs. J. Gilbert, A. Silver, and L. C. Hubbell be a committee for that purpose.

Lodge closed in due form.

L. C. Hubbell, Sec'y Pro Tem ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 45](#)).

No. 109

Special Communication. Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63.

Convened at Masons Hall, October 8th, 5824.

Present

R. W. S. Gilbert, HP. Pro Tem.

Br. A. Kingsbury.

Br. L. C. Hubbell.

Br. J. Berthrong, Treasurer.

Br. C. J. Brown, Sec'y Pro Tem.

Br. A. Silver.

Br. B. J. Doty.

Br. J. Johnson.

Br. B. Houghton, Tyler.

Present also: Brs. Spencer, D. R. Strachan, P. Boynton, D. H. Andrews, J. W. Gaylord, G. Guest, and M. G. Munster.

Mark Masters Lodge opened in due form.

The petition of Br. Aaron Atwood for the higher degrees of Masonry, which was received some time since, was read. The committee appointed to investigate his character reported in his favor; a ballot was taken in due form and was unanimous in his favor, and after being duly prepared he received the Honorary Degree of Mark Master in due form and paid fees for the same five dollars.

Lodge closed in due form.

C. J. Brown, Sec'y Pro Tem ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 45v](#)).

No. 110

Regular Communication. Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63.

Convened at Masons Hall, November 2nd, 5824.

Present

R. W. Josiah Perry, HP.

Br. A. Kingsbury.

Br. C. Alexander.

Br. P. Boynton, Treasurer Pro Tem.

Br. J. W. Spencer, Sec'y Pro Tem.

Br. A. Bacon.

Br. R. Webster.

Br. P. Boynton.

Br. B. Houghton, Tyler.

Lodge of Mark Masters opened in due form.

Brs. Spencer, G. Guest, and R. Webster were appointed a committee to settle the accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer with this Chapter and report at the next regular communication.

Lodge closed in due form.

J. W. Spencer, Sec'y Pro Tem ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 45v-46](#)).

No. 111

Annual Communication of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63.

Convened at Masons Hall, November 30th, 5824.

Present

R. W. Josiah Perry, HP

Br. George Guest.

Br. A. Kingsbury.
Br. J. W. Cleghorn, Treasurer Pro Tem.
Br. L. C. Hubbell, Sec'y Pro Tem.
Br. A. Bacon.
Br. A. Silver.
Br. Pierce Shepherd.
Br. B. Houghton, Tyler.

Lodge of Mark Masters opened in due form.

The Chapter proceeded to choose the Officers for the ensuing year, and after canvassing the ballots severally the following Companions were declared to be duly elected, to wit:

Br. Abram Kingsbury — High Priest.
Br. Jared W. Spencer — King.
Br. John W. Cleghorn — Scribe.
Br. Pierce Shepherd — Captain of the Host.
Br. Abial Silver — Principal Sojourner.
Br. Rawling Webster — Royal Arch Captain.
Br. George Guest — Master 3rd Veil.
Br. Theden Griffin — Master 2nd Veil.
Br. Benjamin Hathaway — Master 1st Veil.
Br. Loring C. Hubbell — Secretary.
Br. Silvester Gilbert — Treasurer.
Br. Bethel Houghton — Tyler.

Brs. John Johnson and Calvin Alexander were appointed Stewards.

The petition of John D. Hagger was received for the higher degrees of Masonry, and Brs. J. Perry, B. Hathaway, and J. W. Cleghorn were appointed a committee to investigate his character.

The several officers elected as above were regularly installed in their respective offices, except the Treasurer and Master of the 3rd Veil.

Resolved, on motion, that the Secretary write up the records of this Chapter, and that he be allowed a reasonable compensation for the same; and that he buy blank books for the accounts of the ensuing year.

Resolved, on motion, that the Secretary be allowed one dollar for each communication of this Chapter and keeping the records of the same.

Resolved, on motion, that the committee appointed to settle the accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer of the last year have leave to report at the next regular communication.

Lodge closed in due form.

L. C. Hubbell, Sec'y ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 46-46v](#)).

The year 1824 marked a period of final organizational consolidation and sustained development for Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63. The Chapter functioned as a mature Masonic body, characterized by regular ritual activity, a well-established system of governance, effective financial oversight, and systematic record-keeping. At the same time, its public role continued to expand, as reflected in its participation in important civic ceremonies and its ongoing interaction with other Masonic bodies. The election of officers at the close of the year marked the completion of a generational transition in the Chapter's leadership while preserving continuity in its institutional development.

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No. 112.

Regular Communication of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63 convened at Masons Hall January 4th, 5825.

Present

R.W. Abram Kingsbury, HP

Br. J. W. Spencer.

" J. W. Cleghorn.

" John Johnson, Treas. Pt.

" C. J. Brown, Sec'y Pt.

" A. Silver.

" R. Webster.

" Paul Boynton.

" B. Houghton, Tyler

Visitors

Br. D. R. Strachan

" M. Comstock

" A. Bacon

Visitor Anna Huntingdon

Lodge of Mark Masters opened in due form.

Br. Walter Barkhyt (surname uncertain), after being prepared, received the honorary degree of Mark Master in due form and paid fees, two dollars.

Br. Myal Comstock paid fifty cents on account of dues.

The petition of Br. Abran Tilden for the higher degrees of Masonry was received, and Brs. J. W. Cleghorn, R. Webster, and A. Bacon were appointed a committee to investigate his character.

Resolved, on motion, that Br. A. Bacon be the Treasurer Pro Tempore for the ensuing year.

Resolved, that this Chapter stand adjourned until Friday the 14th January instant.

Lodge closed in due form.

C. J. Brown, Sec'y Pt ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 47](#)).

No. 113.

Special Communication of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63 convened at Masons Hall January 14th, 5825.

Present

R.W. A. Kingsbury, HP.

Br. J. W. Spencer.

" J. W. Cleghorn.

" A. Bacon, Treasurer

" L. C. Hubbell, Secretary

" A. Silver.

" Joab Seely.

" W. Griffin.

" B. Houghton, Tyler

" J. Johnson.

Lodge of Mark Masters opened in due form.

Resolved, on motion, that the report of the committee consisting of Brs. J. W. Spencer, Geo. Guest and R. Webster, to settle with the late Secretary & Treasurer, be received and the committee discharged, said report made up to 1st January instant.

Resolved, on motion, that Brs. S. Gilbert and A. Silver be a committee to attempt a final settlement with the late Treasurer, and report thereon at the next regular communication of this Chapter.

Also resolved that the late Treasurer be peremptorily summoned to appear personally at the third communication of this Chapter to abide the order thereof.

Br. J. W. Spencer presented an order from Br. A. Bacon on the Chapter for three dollars in payment of quarterly dues, accepted and ordered to be applied to his credit.

Br. Joab Seely paid 75 cents for July dues.

Lodge adjourned to Tuesday evening next and closed in due form.

L. C. Hubbell, Sec'y ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 47-47v](#)).

No. 114

Special Communication of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Convened at Masons Hall January 18th, 5825.

Present

R.W. A. Kingsbury, HP.

Br. J. W. Spencer.

" Jno. Berthrong.

" A. Bacon, Treasurer

" L. C. Hubbell, Sec'y

" S. Gilbert.

" R. Webster.

" Paul Boynton.

" B. Houghton, Tyler

Visitors

Capt. Whitney, F. Trowbridge

Brs. Johnson, Shepherd, W. Griffin, Taggart, and W. Barkhydt (surname uncertain).

Lodge of Mark Masters opened in due form.

The committee who were appointed to settle with Br. Jno. Berthrong, late Treasurer, reported that there have been in his hands one hundred and fifty-six dollars and eighty-three cents, and that he has produced vouchers to the amount of one hundred and fifty dollars thirteen and a half cents, leaving a balance in his hands of six dollars and seventy-nine cents and a half; resolved, on motion, said report be accepted.

Br. S. Gilbert presented an account of two dollars and fifty-three cents, which was duly allowed.

Br. L. C. Hubbell presented an account of two dollars for writing up the books of the Chapter, and ninety-four cents other account, which were allowed.

Lodge of Mark Masters closed in due form.

And a Lodge of Past Masters opened in due form.

Br. Walter Barkhydt was duly installed and passed the chair, and paid fees for same four dollars.

Br. Roland Hack paid quarterly dues two dollars.

Lodge closed in due form.

L. C. Hubbell, Sec'y ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 47v-48](#)).

No. 115

Regular Communication of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Convened at Masons Hall February 1st, 5825.

Present

R.W. S. Gilbert, HP. Pt.

Br. J. W. Cleghorn.

" Jno. Berthrong.

" A. Bacon, Treasurer

" L. C. Hubbell, Sec'y

" P. Shepherd.

" R. Webster.

" W. Griffin.

" B. Houghton, Tyler

Brs. A. Silver

" W. Barkhydt

" D. R. Strachan

" P. Boynton

" J. Johnson

Visiting Brs. Gurney, Straus & Powers.

Lodge of Mark Masters opened in due form.

The committee to investigate the character of Br. Alvan Tilden reported in his favor, and ballots being taken were declared unanimous in favor of his admission; and after being duly prepared he was advanced to the honorary degree of a Mark Master in due form and paid fee two dollars, the money advanced to the M.E.H.P. A. Kingsbury.

Resolved, on motion, that a committee be appointed to enquire who has reported out of this Chapter any of the proceedings on the petition of John D. Haggart, and Brs. A. Bacon, J. W. Cleghorn, and L. C. Hubbell were appointed that committee.

Lodge of Mark Masters closed in due form, and a Lodge of Past Masters opened in due form.

Br. Aaron Rowley was duly installed and passed the Chair in due form, and paid fees four dollars.

Br. Alvan Tilden was duly installed and passed the Chair and paid fees four dollars.

Lodge closed in due form.

L. C. Hubbell, Sec'y ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 48-48v](#)).

No. 116

Special Communication of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Convened at Masons Hall February 11th, 5825.

Present

M.E. Josiah Perry, H.P.

Br. J. York.

" J. W. Cleghorn.

" P. Shepherd.

" W. Griffin.

" J. E. Martin.

" C. J. Brown, Treas. Pt.

" L. C. Hubbell, Sec'y

" B. Houghton, Tyler

Brs. Berthrong and A. Silver.

Lodge of Most Excellent Masters opened in due form.

Br. Alvan Tilden was received and acknowledged a Most Excellent Master in due form, and paid fees three dollars.

Lodge of M.E. Masters closed, and a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons opened in due form, when Br. Alvan Tilden was exalted to the Sublime Degree of a Royal Arch Mason in due form and paid fees ten dollars.

Lodge closed in due form.

L. C. Hubbell, Sec'y ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 48v](#)).

No. 117

Regular Communication of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Convened at Masons Hall March 1st, 5825.

Present

M.E. Abram Kingsbury, HP.

Br. Geo. Guest.

" Jno. W. Cleghorn.

" Pierce Shepherd.

" Calvin Alexander.

" Worden Griffin.

" Amos Bacon, Treasurer

" L. C. Hubbell, Sec'y

" B. Houghton, Tyler

Brs. B. Nichols, A. Silver, A. Tilden, J. E. Martin.

Lodge of Most Excellent Masters opened in due form.

Br. Benj. Nichols paid quarterly dues one dollar.

Resolved, that the committee appointed to enquire into the report out of this Chapter on the petition of John D.

Haggart, report at the next regular communication.

Resolved, that the account against James E. Martin for fees in this Chapter, he having paid and not having been credited, be balanced.

Br. Walter Barkhydt was received and acknowledged as a Most Excellent Master in due form, and paid fees three dollars.

Br. Geo. Guest moved, in writing, that the By-Laws of this Chapter be amended as follows:

"That no ballot shall be taken for the admission of any person as a member of this Chapter or for the degrees of Masonry in this Chapter except at a regular communication."

Lodge closed in due form.

L. C. Hubbell, Sec'y ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 49](#)).

No. 118

Quarterly Communication of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Convened at Masons Hall March 29th, 5825.

Present

M.E. Abram Kingsbury, HP.

Br. J. W. Spencer.

" Danl. Mack.

" S. Gilbert.

" Worden Griffin.

" R. Webster.

" J. Berthrong, Treas. Pt.

" L. C. Hubbell, Sec'y

" B. Houghton, Tyler

Visitors

Dr. Wm. Beardsley

Brs. J. Perry, Geo. Guest, J. E. Martin, J. Johnson, C. J. Brown.

Lodge of Mark Masters opened in due form.

The petition of Josiah Wales for the higher degrees of Masonry in this Chapter was received, and Brs. S. Gilbert, Geo. Guest, and L. C. Hubbell were appointed a committee to investigate his character.

The petition of Br. Egbert N. Fairchild for the higher degrees of Masonry was received, and Brs. J. E. Martin, S. Gilbert, and L. C. Hubbell were appointed a committee to investigate his character.

The petition of Br. George Williams was received for the higher degrees of Masonry, and Brs. R. Webster, Geo. Guest, and A. Kingsbury were appointed a committee to investigate his character.

A ballot was taken for the admission of John D. Haggar to the higher degrees of Masonry in this Chapter and was declared unanimous in his favor.

Br. Alvan Tilden signed the By-Laws.

Br. John D. Haggar, after being duly prepared, received the honorary degree of Mark Master Mason and paid fees five dollars.

The amendment to the By-Laws, as made in writing by Br. Geo. Guest at the last communication of this Chapter, was unanimously adopted.

Resolved that the Secretary purchase a small Bible for the use of the Chapter.

Resolved that Br. Paul Boynton attend to repairing the lamp of the Lodge room.

Lodge closed in due form.

L. C. Hubbell, Sec'y ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 49v-50](#)).

No. 119

Regular Communication of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Convened at Masons Hall April 26th, 5825.

Present

M.E. Abram Kingsbury, HP.

Br. J. W. Spencer.

" C. J. Brown.

" A. Bacon.

" R. Webster.

" W. Barkhydt.

" A. Bacon, Treasurer

" L. C. Hubbell, Sec'y

" B. Houghton, Tyler

Brs. C. Alexander, W. D. Haggar.

Lodge of Mark Master Masons opened in due form.

The report of L. C. Hubbell, one of the committee on the petition of Br. E. N. Fairchild, was made in his favor and accepted, and a ballot taken and found unanimous in his favor.

Lodge of Mark Masters closed in due form, and a Lodge of Past Masters opened in due form.

The report of two of the committee to investigate the character of Br. Josiah Wales was reported in his favor, and a ballot was taken and found unanimous in his favor.

Br. John D. Haggar was duly installed and passed the Chair in due form, and paid fees four dollars.

Lodge closed in due form.

L. C. Hubbell, Sec'y ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 50](#)).

No. 120

Special Communication of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Convened at Masons Hall May 11th, 5825.

Present

M.E. A. Kingsbury, HP.

Br. J. W. Spencer.

" J. Perry.

" C. J. Brower.

" R. Webster.

" W. Griffin.

" A. Bacon, Treasurer

" B. S. Doty, Sec'y Pt.

" B. Houghton, Tyler

Brs. M. Dowd & Haggar.

Lodge of Mark Masters opened in due form.

Br. Lemuel Buck, after being duly prepared, received the honorary degree of Mark Master Mason and paid fees for the same, Five Dollars.

Lodge closed in due form.

(Signed) B. S. Doty, Sec'y Pt ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 50v](#)).

No. 121

Special Communication of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Convened at Masons Hall May 25th, 5825.

Present

M.E. A. Kingsbury, HP.

Br. J. E. Martin.

" C. J. Brower.

" Worden Griffin.

" R. Webster.

" J. Berthrong.

" A. Bacon, Treasurer

" B. Houghton, Tyler

" L. C. Hubbell, Sec'y

Visitors

Br. H. Berthrong

M. Dowd

Brs. D. R. Strachan

Br. B. S. Doty

Lodge of Mark Masters opened in due form.

Br. Egbert N. Fairchild, after being duly prepared, received the honorary degree of a Mark Master in due form and paid fees Five Dollars.

Lodge of Mark Masters closed in due form, and a Lodge of Past Masters opened in due form.

The Lodge of Past Masters opened in due form.

Br. Egbert N. Fairchild, after being duly prepared, was duly installed and passed the chair in due form, and paid fees Four Dollars.

The committee to investigate the character of George Williams reported that it is inexpedient to receive him.

Lodge closed in due form.

L. C. Hubbell, Sec'y ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 50v-51](#)).

No. 122

Regular Communication of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Convened at Masons Hall, May 31st, 5825.

Present

M.E. A. Kingsbury, HP.

Br. J. W. Spencer.

" Jno. W. Cleghorn.

" C. J. Brower.

" R. Webster.

" A. Bacon, Treasurer

" L. C. Hubbell, Sec'y

" B. Houghton, Tyler

Visitors

Br. Foote of Martinsburgh

& Rev. Mr. Beardsley

Brs. Seely, Perry, J. E. Martin & M. Dowd

Lodge of Most Excellent Masters opened in due form.

An account presented by Messrs. Elliott & Archibald of six shillings was allowed.

The petition of Br. Calvin Wait for the higher degrees of Masonry in this Chapter was received, and Brs. J. W. Cleghorn, S. Gilbert, and L. C. Hubbell were appointed a committee to investigate his character and report to the Chapter.

Brs. Baron S. Doty and John D. Haggart, after being duly prepared, were received and acknowledged Most Excellent Masters in due form.

The committee on the petition of Br. Reuben Palmer for the higher degrees of Masonry in this Chapter reported in his favor, and a ballot being taken was declared unanimous.

Br. J. W. Cleghorn paid twenty-five cents quarterly dues.

Brs. B. S. Doty and J. D. Haggart paid three dollars each.

Lodge closed in due form.

L. C. Hubbell, Sec'y ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 51](#)).

No. 123

Regular Communication of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63
Convened at Masons Hall, June 28th, 5825.

Present

M.E. A. Kingsbury, HP.

Br. J. Perry.

" J. W. Cleghorn.

" R. Webster.

" C. Alexander.

" S. Gilbert, Treasurer Pt.

" L. C. Hubbell, Secretary

" B. Houghton, Tyler

Present also: Br. Martin, G. Guest, W. Barkydt, H. Foote, Oakley.

Lodge of Most Excellent Masters opened in due form.

The petition of Guy C. Avery for the higher degrees of Masonry was received, and the petition of the Rev. James McAlley for the same degrees was received, and Brs. J. W. Cleghorn, J. Perry, and L. C. Hubbell were appointed a committee to investigate their several characters.

Br. David R. Strachan, after being duly prepared, was received and acknowledged a Most Excellent Master.

Resolved, that the consideration of the report of two of the committee on the petition of Br. Calvin Wait be postponed to the next regular communication.

Lodge closed in due form, and a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons opened in due form.

Br. David R. Strachan and Walter Barkydt, after being duly prepared, were exalted to the Sublime Degree of Royal Arch Mason in due form, and Companion Barkydt paid fees Ten Dollars.

Chapter closed in due form.

L. C. Hubbell, Sec'y ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 51v](#)).

No. 124

Quarterly Communication of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63
Convened at Masons Hall, July 26th, 5825.

Present

M.E. Josiah Perry, H.P. Pt.

Comp. S. Gilbert, K. Pt.

" G. Guest, S. Pt.

" R. Webster, C.H. Pt.

" J. E. Martin, R.A. Capt. Pt.

" A. Bacon, Treasurer

" B. Houghton, Tyler

Brs. D. Mack, Barkley, and Griffin.

Chapter of Royal Arch Masons opened in due form.

The reports on the petitions of Brs. Guy C. Avery and James McAuley were received in their favor, and ballots being severally taken were declared unanimous in their favor.

The petition of Br. Harman Hibbard was received, and Brs. Geo. Guest, S. Gilbert, and A. Kingsbury were appointed a committee to investigate his character.

Br. Baron S. Doty and John D. Haggard, after being duly prepared, were exalted to the Sublime Degree of Royal Arch Masons in due form, and paid Ten Dollars each, fees of exaltation.

Resolved, that the consideration of Br. Wait's petition lie over to the next regular communication.

Chapter closed in due form.

L. C. Hubbell, Sec'y ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 52](#)).

No. 125

Regular Communication of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63
Convened at Masons Hall, August 23, 5825.

Present

R.W. Abram Kingsbury, HP.

Br. Geo. Guest.

" C. J. Brower.

" G. W. Kruger, Treas'r Pt.

" L. C. Hubbell, Sec'y

" B. Houghton, Tyler

" Knapp.

Lodge of Mark Masters opened in due form.

Minutes of the last regular communication read.

Resolved, that the committee on the petition of Harman Hibbard have leave until the next regular communication to report.

Resolved, that the consideration of Br. Wait's petition be postponed till the same time.

Resolved, that Br. Geo. Guest be authorized to purchase candles and see that candlesticks are prepared and in order for the use of this Chapter, and that an order be drawn upon the Treasurer for the amount purchased.

Lodge closed in due form.

L. C. Hubbell, Sec'y ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 52v](#)).

No. 126

Regular Communication of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Convened at Masons Hall, Sept. 20, 5825.

Present

M.E. Abram Kingsbury, HP.

Br. R. Webster.

" B. S. Doty.

" G. W. Kruger.

" H. Berthrong.

" A. Bacon, Treasurer

" L. C. Hubbell, Sec'y

" W. Griffin.

" B. Houghton, Tyler

Br. J. Berthrong (visitor).

Lodge of Mark Masters opened in due form.

The committee on the petition of Br. Harman Hibbard reported in his favor, and a ballot being taken was declared unanimous.

Resolved, that Br. H. Berthrong receive the degree of Mark Master in due form.

The petition of Br. Calvin Wait for the higher degrees of Masonry was received, and Br. A. Bacon was appointed a committee to investigate his character.

Br. Thuram Seely paid fifty cents quarterly dues.

Lodge closed in due form.

L. C. Hubbell, Sec'y ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 52v-53](#)).

No. 127

Regular Communication of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Convened at Masons Hall, October 17th, 5825.

Present

M.E. Abram Kingsbury, HP.

Br. Geo. Guest.

" S. Gilbert, K.

" R. Webster, Scribe

" J. E. Martin, R.A. Captain

" A. Bacon, Treasurer

" B. Houghton, Tyler

Also present:

Br. J. Berthrong

A. Silvo

J. Brown

A. Myers

A. Harrison

Joseph & Henry

Resolved, that Thuram Seely, after being duly prepared, receive the degree of Mark Master.

Br. David R. Strachan paid \$0.40 quarterly dues.

Lodge closed in due form.

L. C. Hubbell, Sec'y ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 53](#)).

No. 128

Regular Communication of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

At Masons Hall, October 25, 5825.

Present

Br. M.E. A. Kingsbury, HP.

Br. Geo. Guest.

Br. W. Briggs.

Br. R. Hack.

Br. R. Webster.

Br. M. Comstock.

Br. A. Bacon, Treasurer

Br. G. W. Kruger, Secretary

Br. B. Houghton, Tyler

Also present: J. Perry, D. C. Knapp, B. Nichols, A. Berthrong, W. Griffin.

Lodge opened in due form.

The report of the committee to investigate the character of Mr. Vilas was received, and a ballot taken, which was unanimous.

The petition of Aaron J. Hopkins for the Three Last Degrees of Masonry was received, and Bros. J. Perry, G. W. Kruger, and Geo. Guest were appointed a committee.

The petition of Lyman Macumber was received, and Bros. Perry, Bacon, and Webster appointed a committee.

The petition of Ralph Thrall was received, and Bros. Bacon, Kingsbury, and Griffin appointed the committee.

The petition of Roswell Barnes was received, and Bros. Kingsbury, Doty, and Guest appointed a committee.

The petition of Wm. Shier was received, and Bros. Bacon, Kruger, and Briggs appointed a committee.

Brother James McCauley, after being duly prepared, received the degree of Mark Master Mason.

A motion was made and seconded that the resolution of the last regular communication be in force until our next regular communication.

A motion was made and seconded that all those who move out of the jurisdiction of this Chapter be struck off as members; also that the Secretary write to all those who are members and within the jurisdiction of this Chapter to appear at our next regular communication to show cause why they should not be suspended.

Those affected:

Officia Gully

John Berthrong

J. Robinson

Elias Tarslan

Joseph Ames

Henry Hook

Rufus Baker

Pierce Shepherd

David R. Strachan

J. W. Cleghorn

The petition of David C. Knapp for membership was received, and Bros. Perry, Kruger, and Bacon appointed a committee.

Cash received from G. M. Seymour

J. Perry — \$0.75

J. W. Spencer — \$0.50

B. Nichols — \$0.50

C. Johnson — \$1.00

M. P. Comstock — \$0.50

W. Briggs — \$0.75

R. Hack — \$0.75

R. Webster — \$1.00

Total: \$8.00

Lodge closed in due form.

G. W. Kruger, S.P.T. ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 53v-54](#)).

No. 129

Regular Communication of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Held at Masons' Hall, November 22, 5825.

Present

M.E. J. Perry, H.P.

Br. R. Webster.

" P. Boynton.

" J. Johnson.

" G. W. Kruger.

" A. Bacon.

" G. Guest, Secretary

" W. Barkydt (or Barkhydt), Treasurer

" B. Houghton, Tyler

Also present:

Dan Mack

E. M. Fairchild

Lodge opened on the Mark Master degree in due form.

The minutes of the last regular communication were read and approved.

Resolved that the Secretary write to the delinquent members agreeable to the resolution of the last regular communication and report his proceedings thereon at the next regular communication.

Brother Moses Vilas, after being duly prepared, received the degree of Mark Master Mason in due form and paid five dollars.

The committee appointed to investigate the character of Lyman MacCumber reported in his favour; likewise those on Orra Shier, Roswell Barnes, and Aaron J. Hopkins.

The committee appointed to enquire into the character of David C. Knapp reported in his favour.

On motion, Resolved that Bros. G. W. Kruger, G. Guest, and J. Gilbert be a committee to settle with the Secretary and Treasurer and report at the next regular communication.

A ballot was taken on the applications of:

Orra Shier

Roswell Barnes

Aaron J. Hopkins

Lyman MacCumber

for the degrees of this Chapter, and also upon the application of Bro. David C. Knapp for membership, and all were found unanimous in their favour.

Bro. D. Mack paid fifty cents for dues.

Lodge closed in due form.

Cash received:

Moses Vilas — \$5.00

D. Mack — \$0.50

George Guest, Secretary P.T. ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 54v-55](#)).

No. 130

Annual Communication of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Held at Masons' Hall, December 20, 5825.

Present

M.E. A. Kingsbury, HP.

Br. J. W. Spencer.

" J. Perry.

" J. Berthrong.

" M. P. Comstock.

" B. Nichols.

" A. Bacon, Treasurer

" G. Guest, Secretary

" B. Houghton, Tyler

Brothers present

J. Gilbert

W. Barkydt

H. Church

P. Boynton

D. C. Knapp

B. J. Doty

R. Webster
J. Taggart
D. R. Strachan
G. W. Kruger
E. M. Fairchild
Moses Vilas
J. D. Haggart
L. MacCumber

Lodge of Mark Master Masons opened in due form.

The minutes of the last regular communication were read and approved.

On motion, Resolved, that the committee appointed to settle with the Secretary and Treasurer have leave to report at the next regular communication.

Brother David C. Knapp signed the By-Laws and paid one dollar membership fee.

The Chapter then proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year, and after canvassing the ballots the following Companions were declared duly elected:

Josiah Perry — High Priest
Baron J. Doty — King
Tristram W. Kruger — Scribe
Silvester Gilbert — Captain of the Host
Rawling Webster — Principal Sojourner
Worden Griffin — Royal Arch Captain
John W. Cleghorn — Master of the Third Veil
David C. Knapp — Master of the Second Veil
Benjamin Nichols — Master of the First Veil
David R. Strachan — Treasurer
George Guest — Secretary
Bethuel Houghton — Sentinel
Stewards
John D. Haggart
Walter Barkydt

On motion, Resolved, that Brothers Kruger, Guest, and Strachan be the Auditing Committee for the ensuing year.

The several officers elected as above were regularly installed in their respective offices, except the Captain of the Host and Master of the Third Veil, they not being present.

The committee appointed to investigate the character of Ralph Thrall reported in his favour, and a ballot was taken and declared unanimous in favour of the said candidate.

The petition of Daniel S. Turner for the 7th, 8th and 9th Degrees of Masonry was received, and Walter Barkydt, David C. Knapp, and John W. Cleghorn were appointed a committee to inquire into his character.

Brother Amos Bacon presented an account against the Chapter for one year's rent, from 16 December 1824 to 16 December 1825, in the amount of twenty-five dollars, which was ordered to be allowed.

Lodge closed in due form.

George Guest, Secretary

Cash received:

David C. Knapp — \$1.00 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 55-56](#)).

The year 1825 marked a period of administrative consolidation and institutional refinement for Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63. By this time, the Chapter had become a fully mature Masonic body, characterized by a stable system of governance, well-developed financial oversight, rigorous procedures for the admission of candidates, and an effective body of internal regulations. Particular emphasis was placed on discipline, the preservation of confidentiality, and the supervision of membership. At the same time, the transition from the first generation of officers to a new leadership was completed, demonstrating the Chapter's high degree of organizational stability and continuity of institutional development.

1826

No. 131

Regular Communication of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Held at Masons' Hall, January 17, 1826.

Present

M.E. Abram Kingsbury, HP.

Br. G. W. Kruger.

" B. Cleghorn.

" D. C. Knapp, Treasurer
" A. Webster.
" W. Griffin, R.A.C.
" G. Guest, Secretary
" B. Houghton, Sentinel

The minutes of the last communication were read and approved.

The committee appointed to investigate the character of Daniel S. Turner reported in his favour.

On motion, Resolved, that if the candidate does not attend the next quarterly communication, his petition shall be considered withdrawn.

A ballot was then taken on the petition of Daniel S. Turner, and it was unanimous in his favour.

The Chapter was then closed in due form.

George Guest, Secretary ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 56](#)).

No. 132

Regular Communication of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

Held at Masons' Hall, March 21, 1826.

The Lodge of Mark Master Masons was opened in due form.

Present

M.E. J. Perry, HP

Br. S. Gilbert.

" J. W. Cleghorn.

" Joseph Brooks.

" W. Griffin.

" R. Webster.

" D. R. Strachan, Treasurer

" George Guest, Secretary

" John Berthrong, Tyler

Also present:

A. Kingsbury

John Johnson

B. Nichols

J. W. Spencer

Joab Serly

Paul Boynton

Noah Lee (Visitor)

The minutes of the last regular communication were read and approved.

The Lodge of Mark Masters was closed and the Lodge of Past Masters opened.

Brother Moses Vilas received the Past Master degree and paid \$4.00.

The petition of Joseph Brooks for membership was received, and Brothers Cleghorn, Strachan, and Guest were appointed a committee to make the usual inquiries.

Brother Aaron J. Hopkins received the Past Master degree in due form and paid \$4.00.

The Past Masters' Lodge was then closed and a Lodge of Most Excellent Masters opened.

Brothers:

Paul Boynton

Moses Vilas

Aaron J. Hopkins

Were received and acknowledged as Most Excellent Masters, paying \$3.00 each.

On motion, it was resolved that the account due from Brother Rufus Baker, amounting to \$27.12, be balanced and charged to Brother Amos Bacon, at his request.

Brother Kruger submitted in writing a proposal to amend the first article of the By-Laws of the Chapter by exchanging the word "Tuesday" and inserting the word "Wednesday" in its place, so that the regular meetings of the Chapter in future be held on Wednesday evenings.

On motion, Resolved, that Brothers Strachan, Gilbert, and J. W. Spencer be a committee to obtain a loan from St. Lawrence Lodge, in order to pay the debts due from this Chapter.

The Lodge was then closed.

George Guest, Secretary

Memorandum of dues

B. Nichols — \$0.50 (for dues)

M. Vilas — \$7.00
A. J. Hopkins — \$7.00
P. Boynton — \$3.00
Total: \$17.50 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 56v-57](#)).

No. 133
Annual Communication of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63
Held at Masons' Hall, April 18, 1826.
The Chapter was opened on the Royal Arch Degree in due form.
Present
M.E. J. Perry, High Priest
Br. J. W. Cleghorn, King
" John Berthrong, Scribe
" Joseph Brooks, Captain of the Host
" S. Gilbert, Principal Sojourner
" R. Webster, Royal Arch Captain
" J. D. Haggart, Master of the Third Veil
" Noah Lee, Master of the Second Veil

Visitors
Cyrus Corbin

The minutes of the last communication were read and approved.
Brother Noah Lee was duly exalted to the Royal Arch Degree and paid \$10.00.
Brother Cyrus Corbin was duly exalted to the Royal Arch Degree and paid \$10.00.
Brother Nathan C. Sheldon paid \$10.00.
Cash received
Noah Lee — \$10.00
C. Sheldon — \$10.00
Nathan Corbin — \$10.00
Total received: \$30.00
The Chapter was then closed in due form.
George Guest, Secretary ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 57](#)).

No. 134
Regular Communication of Ogdensburgh Chapter
At Masons' Hall, May 17, 1826.
The Lodge of Mark Master Masons was opened in due form.
Present
M.E. J. Perry, HP.
Br. Robley.
" C. Alexander.
" R. Webster.
" W. Barnhart.
" D. C. Knapp.
" P. Boynton, Treasurer
" Geo. Guest, Secretary
" W. Griffin, Tyler

The petition of Nathaniel B. Mallory for the 5th, 6th and 7th Degrees of Masonry was received, and Brothers Webster, Griffin, and Guest were appointed a committee to make the usual enquiries.

On motion, Resolved, that the sum of two dollars be loaned to Brother Griffen out of the funds of this Chapter, and that he be requested to present his account for Tylering to the Auditing Committee before the next regular communication.

Lodge closed.
Geo. Guest, Sec'y ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 57v](#)).

No. 135
Quarterly Communication of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63
July 18, 1826
The Mark Master's Lodge opened in due form.

Present

M.E. J. Perry, HP.

Br. G. W. Kruger.

" P. Boynton.

" A. J. Hopkins.

" R. Webster.

" J. D. Haggard, Treasurer

" Geo. Guest, Secretary

" W. Griffin, Tyler

The committee appointed to enquire into the character of N. B. Mallory reported in his favour.

Ordered, that the report lay over until the next regular communication.

Lodge closed.

Geo. Guest, Sec'y ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 58](#)).

No. 136

Regular Communication of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

August 15, 1826

The Lodge of Mark Masters was opened in due form.

Present

M.E. A. Kingsbury, H.P.

Br. R. Webster.

" A. J. Hopkins.

" W. Griffin.

" B. Houghton.

" A. J. Hopkins.

" W. Griffin, Treasurer

" Geo. Guest, Secretary

" B. Houghton, Tyler

On motion, Resolved, that the consideration of the report of the committee on the petition of N. B. Mallory be further postponed until the next regular communication.

The Lodge closed in due form.

Geo. Guest, Sec'y ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 58v](#)).

No. 137

Quarterly Communication of Ogdensburgh Chapter

At Masons' Hall, October 16, 1826

The Lodge of Mark Master Masons opened in due form.

Present

M.E. J. Perry, HP.

Br. R. Webster.

" P. Boynton.

" C. Alexander.

" W. Griffin.

" M. Vilas.

" J. Waite, Treasurer

" Geo. Guest, Secretary

" B. Houghton, Tyler

Visitors:

Sam Robinson

S. Gilbert

A ballot was taken on the application of Nathaniel B. Mallory for the 5th, 6th and 7th Degrees, and was found in his favour.

The Lodge of Mark Master Masons was closed, and a Lodge of Past Masters opened in due form.

Brother Josiah Waite received the Degree of Past Master and paid fees for the same, four dollars.

Brother N. B. Mallory also received the Degree of Past Master and paid four dollars.

The Lodge of Past Masters closed, and a Lodge of Most Excellent Masters opened in due form.

Brother Mallory was received and acknowledged a Most Excellent Master, and paid three dollars.

Cash received:

of J. Waite — \$4.00

of N. B. Mallory — \$7.00
Total — \$11.00
The Lodge closed.
Geo. Guest, Sec'y ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 59](#)).

No. 138
Regular Communication of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63
Held at Masons' Hall, November 14, 1826.
The Lodge of Mark Master Masons opened in due form.
Present
Br. S. Gilbert, P. Pro Tem.
" J. Perry.
" A. Kingsbury.
" W. Griffin, Treasurer
" B. Houghton.
" J. Perry, Secretary

The petition of Geo. Draper was received, and Brothers Guest, Perry, and Moses Rowley were appointed a committee to investigate his character.

This being the last communication preceding the election, the following persons were appointed a committee to settle with the Secretary and Treasurer:

Bro. B. J. Doty
J. Perry
A. Kingsbury
The Lodge closed in due form.
J. Perry, Sec'y Pro Tem ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 59v](#)).

No. 139
Annual Communication of Ogdensburgh Chapter
At Masons' Hall, December 12, 1826.
The Lodge of Mark Masters opened in due form.
Present
Br. Josiah Perry, HP
" S. Gilbert.
" G. W. Kruger.
" A. Kingsbury.
" W. Griffin.
" A. Eastman.
" P. Boynton, Treasurer Pro Tem.
" Geo. Guest, Secretary
" B. Houghton, Tyler
Also present:
John D. Haggar
A. J. Hopkins
John Johnson
N. B. Mallory, Proposing Candidate
John P. Bowen, Visitor

The Brethren proceeded to choose officers for the ensuing year, when, after canvassing the several ballots, the following Companions were declared duly elected:

Br. Josiah Perry — High Priest
" Abram Kingsbury — King
" Rawling Webster — Scribe
" Selvester Gilbert — Captain of the Host
" Aaron J. Hopkins — Principal Sojourner
" Worden Griffin — Royal Arch Captain
" John D. Haggar — Master of the Third Veil
" John Johnson — Master of the Second Veil
" Calvin Alexander — Master of the First Veil
" Paul Boynton — Treasurer
" George Guest — Secretary

" Bethuel Houghton — Tyler

Stewards

" David R. Strachan

" Moses Vilas

The several officers as above named were regularly installed excepting the Master of the First Veil who was absent.

The committee appointed to settle with the Secretary and Treasurer had leave to defer their report until the next regular communication.

The Secretary presented his account for services during the past year, amounting to \$13, which was allowed.

Brother Houghton presented his account for services as Tyler during the past year, including the tiling one evening by W. Griffin, which was allowed.

Brother Amos Bacon's account for rent of the Chapter Room for one year, ending 10th December 1826, for \$25, was allowed.

The petition of Joseph Carpenter for the degrees of this Chapter was received, and Bros. R. Webster, P. Boynton, and A. Kingsbury were appointed a committee to investigate his character.

On motion, Resolved, that the following persons be struck from the roll of membership of this Chapter, they having either left the country or neglected paying their dues for more than two quarters:

John K. Church

Alfred Tully

John Berthrong

Wells Kellogg

Charles Tarland

David Owen

Nathaniel K. Olmstead

Daniel Prentice

Alvan Tridden

James E. Martin

Resolved, that the Secretary give notice to all the members of this Chapter who are in arrears for more than fifty cents, to pay the amount due from each before the next regular communication.

Lodge closed in due form.

Geo. Guest, Sec'y ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 60-60v](#)).

The year 1826 marked a period of administrative stabilization for Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63. The Chapter was no longer in a phase of development or institutional reform but functioned as a fully established Masonic body with a stable system of governance, regular ritual activity, and well-organized record-keeping. At the same time, the leadership devoted increasing attention to financial discipline, maintaining an accurate membership roll, and ensuring the Chapter's long-term institutional stability. The comprehensive review of the membership rolls and the strengthening of oversight of outstanding dues demonstrate the Chapter's transition from a period of expansion to one focused on preserving and consolidating the organization it had already established.

1827

No. 140

Quarterly Communication of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

January 9th, 1827

The Lodge of Mark Masters opened in due form.

Present

Br. Josiah Perry — HP

" A. Kingsbury.

" R. Webster.

" A. J. Hopkins.

" John Johnson.

" Paul Boynton — Treasurer

" Geo. Guest — Secretary

" B. Houghton — Tyler

Minutes of the last regular communication were read and approved.

On motion, Resolved, that the committee appointed to settle with the Secretary and Treasurer have leave to defer their report until the next regular communication.

The committee appointed to investigate the character of Joseph Carpenter reported in his favour, and a ballot was taken and found unanimous in his favour.

On motion, Resolved, that a committee of two be appointed to confer with Brother J. Church respecting an alleged disagreement between him and some of the Brethren of this Chapter, and that they make report to the Chapter at the next regular communication, showing the cause of such disagreement; and that Bros. Perry and Guest be said committee.

Lodge closed in due form.

Geo. Guest, Sec'y ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 61](#)).

No. 141

Regular Communication of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

At Masons' Hall, February 6, 1827

Lodge opened on the Degree of Most Excellent Master.

Present

M.E. J. Perry, HP.

Br. A. Kingsbury.

" M. Rowley.

" O. Spencer.

" W. Griffin.

" Paul Boynton, Treasurer

" Geo. Guest, Secretary

" B. Houghton, Tyler

Also present:

Br. John Johnson

" Noah Lee

" A. J. Hopkins

" N. B. Mallory

" B. Nichols

Brother Josiah Ward was received and acknowledged as Most Excellent Master, and paid fees Three Dollars.

The Lodge of Most Excellent Masters was closed, and a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons opened in due form, and Brothers Nathaniel B. Mallory and Josiah Ward were duly exalted to the Sublime Degree of Royal Arch Mason, and paid fees Ten Dollars each.

On motion, Resolved, that the sum of Ten Dollars be loaned to Companion Jos. Ward, which was accordingly done, and a note signed by him and M. Rowley received as security for the repayment of the same.

Resolved, that the committee appointed to enquire into the character of George Draper have leave to report at the next regular communication.

Chapter closed.

Geo. Guest, Sec'y

Cash received:

J. Ward — \$3

N. B. Mallory — \$10

Total — \$13 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 61v](#)).

No. 142

Quarterly Communication of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63

April 10th, 1827

The Lodge of Mark Master Masons opened in due form.

Present

Br. J. Perry, HP

" A. J. Hopkins.

" R. Webster.

" J. Bowen.

" C. Webster.

" P. Boynton.

" Lam ..., Treasurer

" Geo. Guest, Secretary

" B. Houghton, Tyler

Visitor:

Visiting Brother

There being no work before the Brethren,
Lodge closed.
Geo. Guest, Sec'y ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 62](#)).

No. 143
Quarterly Communication of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63
At Masons' Hall, July 3rd, 1827
Present
M.E. J. Perry, HP.
Br. J. W. Cleghorn.
" R. Webster.
" P. C. Oakley.
" W. Griffin.
" A. J. Hopkins.
" P. Boynton, Treasurer
" Geo. Guest, Secretary
" B. Houghton, Tyler

The Lodge of Mark Masters opened in due form.
An account of C. J. Browsers against the Chapter for the sum of Fifty Cents was allowed.
On motion, Resolved, that the committee appointed to enquire into the character of George Draper be discharged.
Lodge closed.
Geo. Guest, Sec'y ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 62v](#)).

No. 144
Quarterly Communication of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63
At Masons' Hall, October 2nd, 1827
Present
Br. Josiah Perry, HP
" R. Webster.
" A. J. Hopkins.
" W. Griffin, Treasurer, Pro Tem.
" Geo. Guest, Secretary
" B. Houghton, Tyler

The Lodge of Mark Master Masons opened in due form.
On motion, Resolved, that the Secretary make out the accounts of those in arrears for quarterly dues and hand them to the Tyler for collection.
Lodge closed in due form.
Geo. Guest, Sec'y ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 63](#)).

No. 145
Annual Communication of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63
At Masons' Hall, November 27, 1827
The Lodge of Mark Masters opened in due form.
Present
Br. Josiah Perry — HP
" Silvester Gilbert.
" Rawling Webster.
" D. R. Strachan.
" J. D. Hagger.
" C. Alexander.
" Paul Boynton — Treasurer
" Geo. Guest — Secretary
" B. Houghton — Tyler
Also present:
G. W. Kruger
A. J. Hopkins

The Brethren proceeded to choose officers for the ensuing year, when, after canvassing the ballots, the following Companions were declared duly elected, to wit:

Br. Silvester Gilbert — High Priest
 " Gustavus W. Kruger — King
 " Geo. Guest — Scribe
 " Josiah Perry — Captain of the Host
 " R. Webster — Principal Sojourner
 " John D. Hagger — Royal Arch Captain
 " Calvin Alexander — Master of the Third Veil
 " John Johnson — Master of the Second Veil
 " D. R. Strachan — Master of the First Veil
 " Aaron J. Hopkins — Secretary
 " Paul Boynton — Treasurer
 " Worden Griffin — Tyler
 Stewards
 " Harvey Church
 " Benjamin Hathaway

The several officers elect were respectively installed in their several offices, excepting the Master of the Second

Veil and the Stewards, who were absent.

On motion, Resolved, that the Chapter meet once in each quarter during the year ensuing.

Resolved, that the resolution adopted by this Chapter at a communication held on the 20th September 1825 be, and it is hereby, repealed, and that the quarterly dues of those members who have absented themselves from the meetings of this Chapter in consequence of said resolution be remitted.

Resolved unanimously, that the thanks of this Chapter be given to our late worthy Tyler for his long, faithful, and arduous services.

Lodge closed in due form.

Geo. Guest, Sec'y

No. of Meetings: 145 ([Archive CGU. F. 3. Op. 1. D. 49. F. 63v-64](#)).

The year 1827 marked a turning point in the history of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63. After nearly a decade of organizational formation, active expansion, and institutional development, the Chapter entered a period of stable operation. The significant reduction in the number of communications, the decline in the conferral of degrees, and the official transition to a quarterly schedule of meetings indicate the conclusion of the initial phase of its history. At the same time, the Chapter maintained an effective system of governance, sound financial discipline, and continuity of leadership, enabling it to continue its work as a well-established and enduring Masonic body.

2. Personnel

The composition of the Chapter's officers is presented in Tables 1 and 2.

Table 1. The first seven principal officers of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63, 1818–1828.

Years	High Priest	King	Scribe	Capt. of the Host	Principal Sojourner	R.A. Captain	Secretary
1818	P. Cleveland	S. Gilbert	A. Bacon	-	-	-	-
1819	P. Cleveland	S. Gilbert	A. Bacon	Thomas D. Benedict	Jared W. Fenno	Benjamin Hathaway	Alin J. Brower
1820	Silvester Gilbert	Amos Bacon	Joseph York	Abram Kingsbury	J. W. Fenno	Harvey Church	C. J. Brower
1821	Silvester Gilbert	Amos Bacon	Joseph York	Abiram Kingsbury	Samuel W. Jones	Harvey Church	J. Brewer
1822	Silvester Gilbert	Amos Bacon	C. J. Brewer	Abiram Kingsbury	J. M. Jenison	John Berthrong	Alvin C. Snow
1823	Josiah Perry	Joseph York	George W. Seymour	Silvester Gilbert	Abiram Kingsbury	Harvey Church	Gustavus W. Kruger
1824	Josiah Perry	George Guest	Harvey Church	A. Kingsbury	W. Griffin	Amos Bacon	Gustavus W. Kruger
1825	Abram Kingsbury	Jared W. Spencer	John W. Cleghorn	Pierce Shepherd	Abial Silver	Rawling Webster	Loring C. Hubbell

1826	Josiah Perry	Baron J. Doty	Tristram W. Kruger	Silvester Gilbert	Rawling Webster	Worden Griffin	George Guest
1827	Josiah Perry	Abram Kingsbury	Rawling Webster	Selvester Gilbert	Aaron J. Hopkins	Worden Griffin	George Guest
1828	Silvester Gilbert	Gustavus W. Kruger	Geo. Guest	Josiah Perry	R. Webster	John D. Hagger	Aaron J. Hopkins

Table 2. The remaining seven officers of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63, 1818–1828

Years	3d Veil	2d Veil	1st Veil	Steward	Steward	Treasurer	Tyler (Sentinel)
1818	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1819	William Stowell	J. Gray	J. Dearborn	-	-	A. Pratt	Amos Thompson
1820	C. J. Brower	J. A. Church	Wm. Warner	-	-	B. Hathaway	B. Houghton
1821	George A. Reynolds	Mahl Sturges	Rollings Robbins	Wm. Harris	R. Hatch	Benj. Hatchway	Bethuel Houghton
1822	R. Webster	G. A. Symons	David Owen	Wm. Harris	R. Hatch	Joseph York	B. Houghton
1823	Amos Bacon	Rawling Webster	Jared W. Spencer	John Johnson	David Owen	John Berthrong	Bethuel Houghton
1824	Rowlan Webster	C. J. Brown	Calvin Alexander	A. Kingsbury	W. Griffin	John Berthrong	B. Houghton
1825	George Guest	Theden Griffin	Benjamin Hathaway	John Johnson	Calvin Alexander	Silvester Gilbert	Bethel Houghton
1826	John W. Cleghorn	David C. Knapp	Benjamin Nichols	John D. Haggard	Walter Barkydt	David R. Strachan	Bethuel Houghton
1827	John D. Haggard	John Johnson	Calvin Alexander	David R. Strachan	Moses Vilas	Paul Boynton	Bethuel Houghton
1828	Calvin Alexander	John Johnson	D. R. Strachan	Harvey Church	Benjamin Hathaway	Paul Boynton	Worden Griffin

An analysis of Tables 1 and 2 demonstrates that the officer corps of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63 was characterized by a high degree of stability. Throughout the period from 1818 to 1828, the same Companions were repeatedly elected to various offices, indicating the existence of a stable core of Chapter leadership and a high level of confidence among its members. The Chapter maintained a well-defined system of career advancement, whereby many Masons began their service in junior offices before gradually progressing to positions of greater responsibility.

Among the officers were a number of individuals whose biographies are of particular historical interest. For example, Palmer Cleveland (1799–1847) was only nineteen years old when he became the first High Priest of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63 in 1818. Another notable figure was Silvester Gilbert (1787–1865), President of the St. Lawrence Bank, who served as High Priest on four separate occasions during the period under examination and also held several other Chapter offices. Amos Bacon (1786–1858) was a veteran of the War of 1812.

The career of Joseph York (1781–1827) (Fig. 13) is likewise of particular interest. Between 1820 and 1823, he held a succession of Chapter offices.

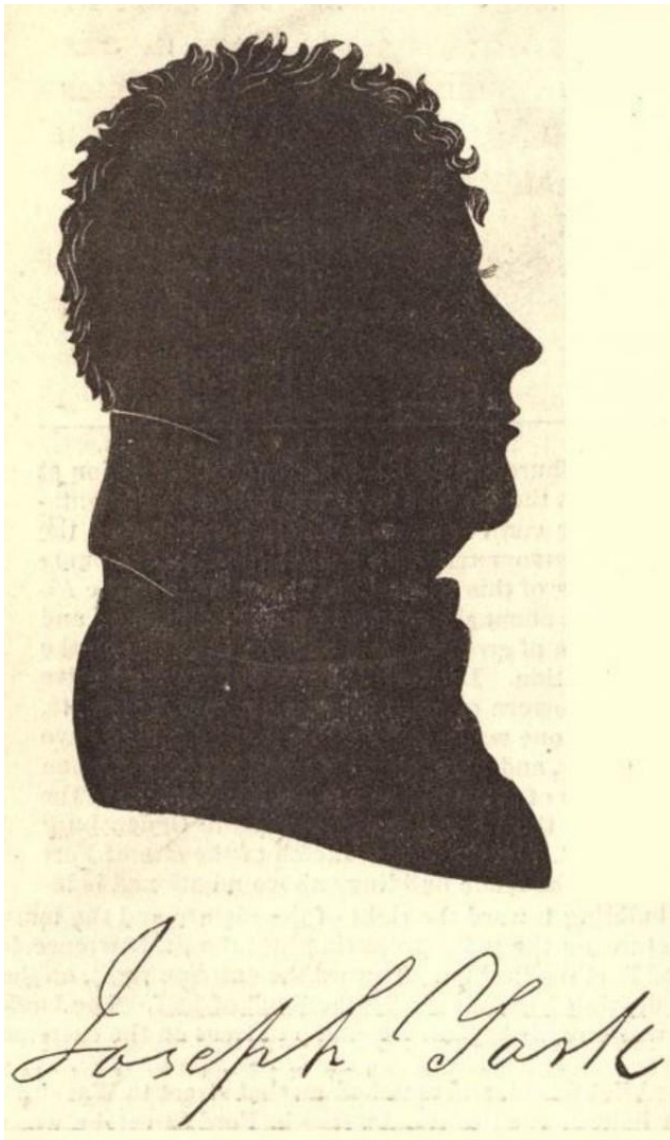


Fig. 13. Joseph York (1781–1827) ([Lossing, 1868: 580](#))

Joseph York was born in Claremont, New Hampshire, on the 8th of January, 1781, and when quite young settled with his father in Randolph, Vermont. At the age of seventeen years (1798) he joined the Provisional Army under Lieutenant Nathaniel Leonard, and served until the army was disbanded in 1800. He emigrated to Ogdensburg in 1805. He was deputy sheriff three years, and sheriff four years. When made prisoner on the occasion above noted, he was taken to Prescott, and thence to the Johnstown jail, where, through the active exertions of his wife, he was paroled, and a few weeks afterward exchanged.

Mr. York's residence at that time was in the court-house, a frame building that stood on the corner of Knox and Euphemia (now State) Streets. His widow was living when I visited Ogdensburg in the summer of 1860. She was a small, delicate, and highly intelligent woman, and I remember my interview with her with great pleasure. She gave me a graphic account of the events of the invasion, and kindly allowed me to make a copy of the silhouette likeness of her husband. She said she did not leave her home in the court-house until the British had fired several shots into it, and almost reached it, when she took some money and table spoons, and ran as fast as she could into the country, with a number of other women. They retreated about fifteen miles. The next day she returned, and found the house plundered, the furniture broken, and her husband a prisoner. The heroic little woman (who had made many cartridges for the soldiers) immediately resolved to go over into Canada in search of her husband. She crossed the river in a skiff, went to the house of a friend (Mrs. Yates) at Johnstown, having a British officer as escort, made personal application to Lieutenant Colonel M'Donell, procured the release of her husband on parole, and took him back with her. Sheriff York was very highly esteemed in St. Lawrence County. Three successive years he represented that county in the Legislature of New York. The town of York, in Livingston County, was named in honor of him. He died on the 6th of May, 1827, at the age of forty-six years ([Lossing, 1868: 580](#)).

Among the other members of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63, we were able to establish the life dates of the following Masons: Jared Wilson Spencer (1783–1866), Harvey Church (1788–1865), Roland Hack (1788–1867), William Warner (d. 1846), Paul Boynton (1789–1861), Abram Kingsbury (1782–1868), and Worden Griffin (b. 1793). Thus, the oldest member of the Chapter was Joseph York, who was born in 1781, while the youngest was Palmer Cleveland, born in 1799.

An analysis of the Chapter's membership leads to the conclusion that the successful establishment of Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63 was due not merely to the selection of capable officers, but to the presence of a stable group of influential and civically active leaders. The combination of continuity in leadership, a well-defined system of career advancement within the Chapter, and the prominent social standing of most of its officers provided a solid foundation for the Chapter's effective development during its first decade of existence.

4. Conclusion

The present study has, for the first time, reconstructed the first decade in the history of Ogdensburgh Royal Arch Masons Chapter No. 63, one of the oldest Royal Arch Chapters in northern New York State, on the basis of a comprehensive body of archival documents. The principal source for this research consists of 145 Chapter minutes covering the years 1818–1827, which have not previously been introduced into scholarly circulation. These records make it possible to trace the Chapter's development almost continuously throughout its formative decade.

Analysis of the documents demonstrates that the Chapter's development proceeded through several successive stages. In 1818, an initiative group was formed, a petition was prepared, and the initial corps of officers was designated. During 1819–1820, the organizational formation of the Chapter was completed: regalia were acquired, the Bye Laws were adopted, governing bodies were established, and a regular system for conferring the degrees was organized. Between 1821 and 1824, the Chapter reached institutional maturity, characterized by a stable administrative structure, active ritual work, effective financial management, and continued growth in membership. During 1825–1826, the leadership concentrated primarily on improving internal administration, strengthening financial discipline, and maintaining control over membership. Finally, 1827 marked the beginning of a period of stable operation, during which both the number of communications and degree conferrals declined, while the Chapter's activities became predominantly administrative in nature.

The study also reconstructs the evolution of the Chapter's internal administration. It demonstrates that, from its earliest years, the Chapter developed a stable system of elected officers, standing committees, financial accountability, and procedures governing the admission of new members. The Bye Laws regulated virtually every aspect of the Chapter's operation, including the scheduling of communications, admission and membership fees, the duties of officers, procedures for examining petitions, and the amendment of internal regulations.

Particular attention was devoted to the analysis of the Chapter's officers. The leadership displayed a remarkable degree of continuity, with many Companions progressing through several offices before attaining the positions of High Priest and King. Among the most influential leaders were Palmer Cleveland, Silvester Gilbert, Amos Bacon, Joseph York, and several others. Many of these men occupied prominent positions in the political, economic, and civic life of northern New York, demonstrating the close relationship between Royal Arch Masonry and the local elite during the early nineteenth century.

The research further demonstrates that Ogdensburgh Chapter No. 63 maintained close relations with other Masonic bodies throughout New York State, cooperated with the Grand Chapter, participated in public ceremonies, and developed an effective system of mutual financial assistance among its members.

Thus, the surviving minutes make it possible to regard Ogdensburgh Royal Arch Masons Chapter No. 63 as one of the best-documented early Royal Arch Chapters in New York State. The introduction of these archival materials into scholarly circulation significantly expands our understanding of the development of Royal Arch Masonry during the first quarter of the nineteenth century, the organization of Chapter life, and the role played by Chapter officers in the social history of the region. These records constitute an important primary source for future studies of the York Rite, American Freemasonry, and the social and civic history of northern New York during the first half of the nineteenth century.

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