

# Brooklyn, N. Y., Lodge's New Home Dedicated By Grand Exalted Ruler Hulbert

*Luxurious \$6,000,000 Structure Is Scene of Four Days of Festivity*

**T**HE magnificent new twelve-story, \$6,000,000 Home of Brooklyn, N. Y., Lodge, No. 22, the largest in the Order, is now occupied by its proud members. It was opened a few weeks ago with four days of ceremony and festivity, with the formal dedication service on the first evening conducted by Grand Exalted Ruler Murray Hulbert.

The first event of the program was a banquet in the new Home in honor of Mr. Hulbert and other Grand Lodge Officers, among whom were Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley and Grand Trustees Edward W. Cotter and Richard P. Rooney. Other guests honored at the occasion included Albert T. Brophy, Chairman, and his assistants of the Building Committee; Borough President James J. Byrne and many prominent members of the Order. Exalted Ruler Edward J. McCarthy acted as host, with Surrogate George A. Wingate in the dual rôle of Chairman of the Reception Committee and Toastmaster.

Meanwhile, despite the rain, the members of Brooklyn Lodge had gathered at the old Home on South Oxford Street for the scheduled parade to the new building. Marching, thousands strong, to the enlivening music of a number of bands, they passed Borough Hall, where the Grand Exalted Ruler, Bor-

ough President Byrne and other members of the dinner party reviewed them from stands erected especially for the occasion. Continuing to the new home at Livingston Street and Boerum Place, the marchers attended the formal dedicatory service conducted by Mr. Hulbert, who was assisted by Mr. McCarthy, Mr. Brophy, Mr. Byrne and Harry A. Hanbury, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Brooklyn Lodge.

On the following day it was estimated that 10,000 Elks of the metropolitan district inspected the building from basement to roof, while at least 1,000 diners kept the kitchen and grillroom staffs busy until a late hour. That evening the first session was held in the new Lodge room, which, with a seating capacity of 3,000, barely showed an empty chair. After the opening banquet the next evening, at which Exalted Ruler McCarthy had acted as Toastmaster, more than 1,500 persons were addressed by Grand Exalted Ruler Hulbert; Past Grand Exalted Ruler Joseph T. Fanning; Mr. Hanbury, and Nathan F. Jonas, another member of the Board of Trustees of Brooklyn Lodge; Attorney-General Albert E. Ottinger, who represented Governor Alfred E. Smith; and a number of other well-known members and citizens.

On the next and last day of the scheduled

festivities, more than 20,000 persons availed themselves of the Lodge's invitation to inspect its new Home. That evening the facilities of the building were opened for the use of the members, and the bowling alleys, billiard-rooms and restaurants were crowded until a late hour by enthusiastic Elks, who showed in this way their appreciation of the building.

Brooklyn Lodge is, by many hundreds, the largest in the Order. Its membership, according to the report made by the Grand Secretary at the convention of the Grand Lodge at Miami in July, is 17,613. The first home which it owned, at 123 Schermerhorn Street, was valued at \$15,000; the vacated building in South Oxford Street, opened in 1915, is appraised at some \$500,000, approximately the price of the furnishings alone in the new quarters which its members now occupy.

**T**HE new Home is twelve stories in height, with a beautifully furnished and decorated roof garden on a terrace at the seventh floor. The equipment of the building is such as to provide the means of satisfying every possible demand of resident and visiting members of the Order. There are 220 living-rooms, each provided with private bath, more than fifty of which were reserved by Brooklyn Elks before the building was opened. Two grillrooms, two dining-rooms, and a banquet-hall seating 1,200, furnish ample accommodation for the satisfaction of appetites, light and heavy, at any time of the day or night. All the usual indoor sports have their places in the splendidly planned building. There are 12 bowling alleys, 22 billiard and pool tables, a gymnasium, handball courts, and a 75-foot swimming pool. The great Lodge room, with its places for more than 3000, is three stories in height, running from the third to the sixth floor. A magnificent pipe-organ, installed at a cost of more than \$100,000, is a striking and beautiful feature of the lofty room. It was first publicly played on the last day of the opening festivities, when a series of recitals was given for the visitors to the building. A spacious and well-stocked library provides a quiet retreat for members of a meditative turn of mind, while the lounges and game rooms afford opportunity for jovial companionship.

One's first impression on entering the home is one of stately dignity. The high, vaulted lobby, finished in the finest of marble, with its arches and columns and its carefully selected furnishings, is at once cheerful, restful and inviting. The same evidences of careful, intelligent planning are to be found throughout the building. Each of the many special rooms and halls is not only equipped and laid out in the most practical fashion, but its decoration and arrangement carry out the spirit of its purpose.

Brooklyn Elks, and the Order at large, are to be congratulated on the completion of this truly remarkable Home, for in its richness, its perfection of construction and its provisions for meeting the social and fraternal needs of its members, it symbolizes perfectly the strength and the purposes of the Order of Elks.

*The twelve stories of the latest splendid Home to be added to the Order rear themselves at Livingston Street and Boerum Place*

