

APPLICATION FOR  
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ENTITLEMENT PROGRAM**  
 — 2010 Program Year Funding —

ACTIVITY NAME: Continue Rehabilitation of 69 Beekman St.

APPLICANT: Frederick Allen Lodge #609

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Zip: 12866

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CONTACT PERSON: 1087 Anita Turner TITLE: Financial Secretary

Mam A. Carter Temple

APPLICANT (select 1):  City Department  Private non-profit organization  Other Public Agency  
(List Dept.) (List Federal ID #) (Specify)

43-209855  
(List Federal ID #)

(DUNS #)

NATIONAL OBJECTIVE (select 1):  
 "Benefit persons of Low/moderate income" "Address slum/blight Conditions" "Urgent CD Need"  
 L/M Income Area Benefit "N/A" Slum/blighted Area "N/A" Urgent Need  
 L/M Income Limited Clientele Activities  Slum/blighted Spot Basis  
 L/M Income Housing Activities "N/A" Urban Renewal Completion  
 L/M Income Job Creation/Retention

REQUESTED ENTITLEMENT FUNDING: \$ 25,000  
 Funding Leveraged from Other Sources: \$ 25,000  
 Total Activity Cost: \$ 50,000

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Original signature on hard copy dated 1-25-10

## 1. Activity Description

This proposal is for additional CDBG funds to aid in continuing the repair and rehabilitation of the structure at 69 Beekman Street housing the Frederick Allen Lodge #609. The goal of the Lodge building project for 2010 is to complete the last pieces of the façade restoration, complete preparation of the second floor for occupancy, and begin the final phase of the project, the restoration of the historic second story porch.

The structure at 69 Beekman Street was originally built in 1845. Over the years, use of the building reflected the growth of Beekman Street from a quiet residential neighborhood to a twentieth-century commercial district. In 1868, Henry Freeman, a mason, made his home at 69 Beekman. In 1900, Elmer Freeman opened a meat and vegetable market there. In 1930 a bakery was established at the address, and in 1934 Fusco's Restaurant opened at the site, and operated there until the 1960's, when the building was purchased by the Frederick Allen Lodge.

The Lodge itself was founded in Saratoga Springs in 1925 as a branch of the national International Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World, I.B.P.O.E.W. (the Black Elks), an organization that had been established several decades earlier, originally in Ohio. It was first located on Congress Street, when a fire forced the relocation to its current premises on Beekman Street.

Historic photographs of the structure reveal a charming building whose two-story porch reflected the vibrant street life so prevalent on Beekman Street and throughout the Dublin neighborhood during much of the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. A major fire in the 1980's destroyed the second story porch and portions of the building façade. Evidence of that fire was still visible during upstairs renovation efforts two years ago.

Frederick Allen Lodge has received CDBG money in 2007, 2008, and 2009 for earlier stages of the rehabilitation effort which, so daunting when begun in 2005, is now well over half-way done and appears to be increasingly within reach of completion. Previous CDBG money was spent productively for an urgently needed new roof; for structural repairs to the building in the roof area, and for chimney repair; for debris removal and demolition of an adjacent garage; for engineering and design of the entire project; for repairs and insulation, in the kitchen area and on the second floor; for major and desperately needed work to stabilize the building's foundation; for façade work on the south and west sides of the building; for removal of a side door and of a superfluous concrete handicapped entry ramp; and on the installation of two plate glass windows on the south (Oak Street) side that restore the presentation of the building visible in historic photographs from the early 20<sup>th</sup> century.

This means that a substantial and impressive amount of work has already been accomplished: what was once a daunting and improbable task is now actually nearing completion. Since 2005, approximately \$108,000, from a variety of sources--primarily CDBG, the Preservation Foundation (which has contributed nearly \$50,000 of the total) and the Lodge's own active Building Fund--, has been spent on the building project to

date. With the recent façade restoration the progress of the project, initially largely inside, has for the first time begun to be more noticeable to the public view. The final phase of the project will not only advance the purpose of blight removal in the neighborhood but, it is hoped, facilitate additional private fundraising in the community and will ultimately include restoration of the second story porch so prominent in historic photographs.

[A] As indicated above, this project is an ongoing activity. The Lodge is grateful for past CDBG support, which has, as noted, been critical for the progress made so far.

[B, C] The Lodge and the current structure housing it are of substantial historical and cultural significance to the City of Saratoga Springs. The organization has historically played, and continues to play, an important role in the neighborhood and the community through social programs, arts programs, youth projects, and community activities. Examples from the past include annual scholarships to minority high school graduates, an after-school mentoring program staffed by volunteer Skidmore students, Thanksgiving dinner and Christmas baskets to the needy, and Easter egg hunts and Christmas parties for young people. Two years ago the Saratoga County Arts Council funded two arts-related programs that were offered at the Lodge. These activities served primarily low-income persons from the community who are not reached by other programs. The Lodge increasingly serves as a neighborhood social center and provides inexpensive home-style cooking during street festivals and some weekends; also, it hosts regional and state Black Elks conventions. The proposed rehabilitation contributes to the renewal of the Beekman Street neighborhood already under way as a result of public and private initiatives over the past ten years.

Several years ago the Saratoga Springs Preservation Foundation, recognizing the historic significance of the area, acquired NYS funding for seven projects in a two-block area on Beekman Street, and the Lodge is one of these projects. The last portion of Preservation Foundation money available for this project was expended in 2009.

In summary, the project will benefit the members of the Lodge, which serves African-American residents of the community, the children who are served by the Lodge's activities, the Beekman Street neighborhood, and the city's arts, historical, and preservation communities.

[D] The ambitious goal of this year's component of what is now a six-year project is to bring it to completion, by finishing the last pieces of façade restoration, renovation of the second floor, and restoration of the second-story porch. Whether this can be accomplished depends in part on fundraising, from a variety of sources including the CDBG program. We are particularly optimistic this year because of the recent commitment to the project by the Giving Circle, an organization of volunteers that has been rebuilding in the Waveland, Mississippi community, damaged by Hurricane Katrina, for the past several years. This group, which includes skilled local carpenters and electricians, donated labor during a highly successful volunteer day in November

2009 and has expressed interest in seeing the project through to completion. The availability of donated skilled labor substantially lowers the projected expenses for completing the project.

The Lodge has been active in the Beekman Street neighborhood in recent years, participating in outdoor festivals, providing a venue for musical performances, and hosting community events. CDBG funding for this project will provide benefits not just for Lodge members but literally for hundreds of members of the neighborhood and the community. Specific persons affected by this project would be approximately as follows: 40-45 members of the Lodge and its women's auxiliary, the Mary A. Carter Temple; 120-150 annual visitors, guests, and program participants; 200 members of street festival audiences; and 200 additional residents of the immediate neighborhood who benefit from the improved condition and appearance of the building.

[E,F] Chris Bennett, a local builder and member of the Design Review Board, has agreed to take on the role of construction supervisor for the duration of the project. His experience in the city and his connection with Design Review make him an ideal person to see the project through to completion. A city building permit will need to be renewed and expanded, and Design Review Board approval will be required for the porch restoration

## 2. Organizational Capacity

[A] The Lodge was founded in Saratoga Springs in 1925. It has operated more or less continuously since that time, and has flourished at various times in the city's history. The goal of the Lodge members today is to bring back the spirit of the past. Officers and Board Members for 2010 are as follows:

Joseph Moore – Exalted Ruler  
Lester Foster – Financial Secretary  
LeRoy Webb – Loyal Knight  
Henry Smith --House Committee Chair  
Michael Plaskett – Esteemed Leader Knight  
Trustees – David Steen, Henry Smith

The Lodge is supported by an active women's auxiliary, the Mary A. Carter Temple #362. Officers of the Temple are as follows:

Dora Lee Stanley – Daughter Ruler  
Anita Turner – Treasurer/Financial Secretary  
Cherrie Vanderburg – Assistant Daughter Ruler  
Rahshida Johnson – Trustee

Rosa Durr – Chaplain

The Benevolent Protective Order of Elks (B.P.O.E.), the original Elks Club, has a Saratoga/Wilton branch that has been supportive of the Frederick Allen Lodge and will make their larger space available for a dinner/dance fundraiser for the Lodge in April. In addition, the Lodge has received support from two other regional Black Elks chapters, the Commando Lodge in Albany and the Sacandaga Lodge in Gloversville, as well as the state and national organizations. As mentioned above, the Giving Circle has now made a major commitment to the organization for the purpose of completing the construction project.

[B,C,D]

The Lodge made substantial progress on its renovation efforts since 2005 with its volunteer construction leadership and the hard work of the members of the Lodge and the Temple. Since June 2007 four separate volunteer days have been held, attracting a total of over 100 volunteers, many of whom have had experience in construction and renovation. Another volunteer day will be scheduled for the Spring of 2010, and smaller groups from the Giving Circle will provide labor more frequently.

The Adirondack Trust Company continues to be an active supporter and partner of the Lodge, having provided a \$4000 emergency loan four years ago, a bridge loan to enable the Lodge to pay off back taxes two years ago, and, more recently bridge loans for construction purposes based on commitments from the CDBG program, the Preservation Foundation and anticipated results of fundraising projects. County Supervisor Joanne Yepsen and former mayor Kenneth Klotz have been active in planning and fundraising for the Lodge. Ellen Riley of the Preservation Foundation has also been a regular participant in meetings and activities in the past two years. At her urging, the Preservation Foundation has extended the period of time allowed for the Foundation to provide assistance to the project. Mayor Johnson has attended Lodge events, and his wife Julie has recently been playing an active role in the Mary A. Carter Temple's fundraising fashion show.

Additional contributions to the Lodge's efforts in recent years have come from the Principessa Elena Society, the Commando Lodge, the Italian-American Club, the Eagles Club, the National Grid Foundation, and anonymous donors. Kim Klopstock and the Lily and the Rose catering firm did a major fundraiser for the Lodge in 2007. Ray Brooks has been a generous contributor. Price Chopper provided a \$1000 grant for a fundraising concert at the Parting Glass in the Spring of 2009.

The Lodge itself has been active and successful in its recent fundraising efforts. In September 2006, and again in 2007, 2008, and 2009, the Lodge and the Temple successfully planned a Jazz BBQ at the Principessa Elena that attracted hundreds of members of the community and raised a total of approximately \$21,000 for the building fund. Other recent and successful fundraisers include a dinner-dance at the Wilton Elks

Club and a several performances at the Parting Glass. Another Jazz BBQ is planned for September 2010 and additional fundraising efforts are ongoing.

The Lodge has been an active participant in the arts community and has been the subject of events and exhibits sponsored by the Historical Society and the Visitors Center; it continues to be featured in articles in the local press.

### 3. Activity Budget [A,B]

#### Proposed Budget – Expenses

Design, Fees	\$1,000
Front Door	1,000
North Side	3,000
2 <sup>nd</sup> Story Porch	25,000
Front façade	3,000
2 <sup>nd</sup> Story Interior	12,000
Contingency	5,000
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>

#### Proposed Budget – Revenue

Frederick Allen Lodge Building Fund	\$10,000
In-Kind Labor – the Giving Circle	15,000
CDBG	35,000
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>

### 4. Monitoring of Federal Financial Assistance to Subrecipients

See attached.

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET (OMB) CIRCULAR A-133  
MONITORING OF FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SUBRECIPIENTS

ORGANIZATION: Frederick Allen Lodge # 609

MAILING ADDRESS: P.O. Box 4742, Saratoga Springs NY 12866

FEDERAL ID #: 43-2094855 PHONE: 583-1087 FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

DUNS #: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Please identify your fiscal year (mth/yr to mth/yr): Jan. 1 - Dec. 31

Please identify below the funding received during your last fiscal year:

2. Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Funding (CDBG):

CDBG Activity Name: Continue Rehabilitation of 69 Beekman Street

CDBG Funding Program Year: 2009-10 CDBG Funding Amount: \$12,000

3. Other Federal Financial Awards (cash & non-cash):

GIVE NAME & CATALOG OF FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE (CFDA) #

AMOUNT OF AWARDS

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4. During your last fiscal year, has your organization expended more than \$500,000 in total federal financial awards (incl. CDBG & all other federal assistance)? YES \* \_\_\_\_\_ NO X

\* If "yes", include a copy of your latest Single Audit Report with this completed and signed form as part of your application. If you answered "no", please complete, sign and return this form.

5. Are you aware of any financial audit violations, findings or questioned costs relating to any activity funded with federal financial assistance? YES \* \_\_\_\_\_ NO X

\* If "yes", please describe:

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6. Other Saratoga County Awards (cash & non-cash):

IDENTIFY PROGRAM NAME & YEAR OF AWARD

IDENTIFY AMOUNT OF CO. AWARDS

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*Joseph L. Moore*  
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Authorized Signature

*1-27-10*  
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Date



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474 Broadway  
Saratoga Springs, New York 12866

2007

To Whom It May Concern:

The Saratoga Springs Preservation Foundation is pleased to support the rehabilitation of 69 Beekman Street by the Frederick Allen Lodge.

The building at 69 Beekman Street, constructed in about 1845, is an important building in streetscape of Beekman Street. It is on a prominent corner, its history is reflective of the various waves of immigrants and residents in Saratoga Springs' West Side, and its architectural style, mass and scale are all appropriate for the neighborhood. The original section of the building is a vernacular Greek Revival building where the owners would have lived on the second floor and operated their business on the ground floor. In 1900, we know that Elmer Freeman did just that. He and his family resided above their meat and vegetable market. As the decades passed, the neighborhood changed and markets became speakeasy's and restaurants. In 1920, Fusco's restaurant opened at 69 Beekman Street. And, in the 1960's the building became home to the Frederick Allen Lodge. A tragic fire destroyed the second story porch and an iconic architectural element of the streetscape was lost. Rehabilitation of the building to ensure its long term preservation, and restoration of its two story porch, are important and worthy goals.

The Preservation Foundation has awarded one of its \$10,000 matching grants to the Frederick Allen Lodge for rehabilitation of the building façade. We are delighted that the Lodge has been able to raise most of the match funds, and we are confident that they will raise the remainder. We look forward to being part of the team that brings this important building back. We urge you to fund this grant request and to join the many members of the Saratoga Springs community who have shown a commitment to the restoration of this important Beekman Street building.

Sincerely,

Carrie Woerner  
Executive Director



# The Spirit of Preservation

## Restoring History on the West Side



69 Beekman Street, which now houses Frederick Allen Lodge No. 609, was built in 1845. In 1868, Henry Freeman, a mason, made his home there. After Henry's death in 1880, his widow Anna stayed on with Vira Freeman Closson, a dressmaker. As the neighborhood changed from quiet and residential to commercial, it was common for a merchant and his family to live "above the store." This was true for Elmer Freeman, who opened a meat and vegetable market at that address in 1890. The Glass Bakery followed in 1930. And in 1934 Fusco's Restaurant opened, with the owner living above the restaurant. Fusco's operated there until the 1960s when 69 Beekman was purchased by the Frederick Allen Lodge No. 609.

Frederick Allen Lodge No. 609, better known as the "Black Elks," has been in existence since 1925. The Lodge was founded in Saratoga Springs as a branch of the national Black Elks organization that had been established several decades earlier, originally in Ohio. There are two local Elks organizations B.P.O.E. (Benevolent Protective order of Elks), located in Wilton, and I.B.P.O.E.W. (Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World), the Black Elks. Since during Reconstruction African-American persons were not permitted to become members of the B.P.O.E., the I.B.P.O.E. of W. was formed, nationally and in Saratoga Springs.

First located on Congress Street, the Lodge was known as a great after-hours spot. It moved to 69 Beekman Street after a fire. Historic photographs of 69 Beekman reveal a charming building with a two-story porch reflecting the vibrant street life in the Dublin neighborhood during the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. A tragic fire in the frigid winter of 1986, however, destroyed the second story porch and sections of the building façade, and there is now significant deterioration to

the foundation and the roof of the building.

The Lodge leadership, former Mayor Ken Klotz and County Supervisor Joanne Yepsen are working to secure funding and resources to repair and restore the building. Last September a fundraiser was held at the Principessa Elena Society. The Preservation Foundation has made a \$10,000 grant from its Main Street grant program, to be matched by the Lodge, for restoring the façade of the building. The Lodge has submitted an application to the Community Development Block Grant program for additional funding. Plans for the façade restoration have been prepared and sent to the State Historic Preservation Office for approval.

## House Tour Lights Up the Neighborhood



127 Circular Street, one of 7 on the tour

The 2006 Candlelight House Tour was almost a blow-out – literally! As the houses opened for touring, a torrential rain came down, but that did not stop the nearly 400 guests from enjoying a tour of homes in the Caroline and Circular Street neighborhood. Guests were delighted to focus on one neighborhood, with houses all within walking distance of one another.

After the tour, guests gathered at the Canfield Casino for holiday cheer and a silent auction. The house tour, our most important fundraiser for the year, raised over \$15,000 to support the work of the Preservation Foundation.

We are sincerely grateful to the homeowners who so generously welcomed the tour into their homes: Dieter and Michele Funicello, Julie and Scott Johnson, Jennifer Armstrong, Donna Hays, Jay Zand, Staci and Michael Mannion, Steven Epstein and Karen Greenspan. And to the many local merchants who donate each year to our silent auction. We'd also like to thank the committee of volunteers who worked with Marjorie King Martin throughout the year to put together this terrific event: Carol Frantz, Carol Waldron, Kathy Weaver, and Carol Kurto. And if you are planning ahead, the Candlelight House Tour 2007 will take place on Friday, November 30!

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*The Saratoga Springs Preservation Foundation promotes preservation and enhancement of the architectural, cultural and landscaped heritage of Saratoga Springs.*

1898 – Organization is founded. (need to find out if this is date of the national organization) Members must meet in secret.

1924 - Up until 1924, The Legislature had laws restricting black Elks.

They were not considered a legal organization until they added an "I" and "W" to the name they used, Benevolent and Protective Order of Elk. The Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World was established as a fraternal organization with its main focus on social services.

1923 – Joe Jackson is a member of the Schenectady lodge IBPOE of W for two years before the Saratoga Springs lodge opens.

1925 – IBPOE of W holds its first meeting in Rochester. Members were arrested.

1925 - IBPOE of W opens in Saratoga Springs (at the Congress St. address?)

1945 – Honorable Addison Mallery, Mayor of Saratoga Springs received an invitation to the Frederick Allen Lodge No. 609 I. B. P. O. E. of W. and The Mary Carter Temple.

...extend to you and party an invitation to attend their annual dance to be held at the Casino, Saratoga Springs, N.Y., August 13th, 1945. The invitation was signed by Alonzo Johnson, Exalted Ruler, and Samuel Small, Secretary.

1967 – Annual State Convention of the IBPOE of W held in Saratoga Springs. (where?)

1972 – Annual State Convention of the IBPOE of W held in Saratoga Springs. (where?)

1973 – N. Y. State Association and Auxiliary of I.B.P.O.E. of W convention held in Saratoga Springs. Events included a parade from the East Side Recreation Field, moving up Lake Avenue, south on Broadway to Congress Street, where it will disband. The State Ball was held at the Holiday Inn, and filled to capacity. 700-800 people were registered by the Elks at the convention, not including the local Elks not staying at the hotel. Other activities included a luncheon, honoring the "Outstanding Elks of the Year," a talent and beauty show, and a talk delivered by 17 year old Denise Brooks, winner of the annual oratorical contest.

1975 - Up until 1975 – Blacks were restricted from joining their older counterpart, BPOE

1990 - April 18. A testimonial dinner given by Frederick Allen Lodge No. 609 and Mary A. Carter Temple 362, at

the Lodge on Beekman Street. The honorees were: Joseph J. Jackson, David Phillips, Margaret Daggs Caron, and Hattie Moseley Austin.

Joe Jackson became a member in 1923, served in all offices of the Frederick Allen Lodge and was exalted ruler for 12 years, before resigning as treasurer in January of 1990. Most of Joe's 67 years membership were spent with the local lodge.

David Phillips joined the Frederick Allen Lodge in 1947. He served in the offices of trustee and secretary for many years. He was elected exalted ruler in 1967, and served in that office for 24 years until his resignation in January (1990).

Margaret Daggs Caron was initiated into Monarch Temple No. 815 in New York City, where she was active in several positions. In 1966, she moved back to her hometown, and transferred her membership to Mary A. Carter Temple. Margaret received her past state president's honor in New York City in 1983. She was elected daughter ruler in 1982.

Hattie Moseley Austin joined the Carter temple in 1942, and immediately was appointed head of the entertainment committee. Hattie was well known for her Chicken Shack, which opened on Federal Street in 1938 and ran until 1960 when Urban Renewal took over the area. Hattie's Chicken Shack relocated to Phila Street.

*1992 – May 15. Joseph Jackson of Saratoga Springs is named Elk of the Year. The award was presented at the 67th annual state convention, in Saratoga Springs, on May 23, 1992. Earl Chapman, the organization's state president said that Joe Jackson embodies the cardinal principles of the order which are charity, justice, brotherly love, and fidelity. Joe Jackson was a charter member of the Saratoga Springs IBPOE of W when it opened in 1925, after being a member of the Schenectady lodge since 1923. It was estimated that 550 delegates from New York, Ontario and other parts of Canada attended the conference at the Holiday Inn on Broadway in Saratoga Springs.*

Mayor A. C. Dake spoke at the joint opening session of the 1992 convention. The convention theme that year was "The Next Step Beyond the Civil Rights Struggle." Other events of the convention in 1992 were: the parade, an oratorical contest, beauty and talent pageant, children's competitions, and an annual state ball. An open house at the Elks Lodge was featured following the events most days.

*1992 – May 23. Earl Chapman, president of the state association of IBPOE of W, speaking at the annual state convention held in Saratoga Springs, about the organization's history:*

When the organization was founded 94 years ago, "Apartheid existed." "There was no choice for blacks than to be among themselves back then." It was originally formed out of the necessity of blacks as a people to network for strength and togetherness. When the Ku Klux Klan came about, IBPOE of W provided a refuge for victims of racial violence. If a personal tragedy happened, such as a death in the family, or the loss of a home because of a fire, the members stepped in to lend a helping hand.

The "black Elks" and the "white Elks" share the same rituals, and have a friendly relationship, and both welcome all races into their organizations. Based on their heritage and history, the two groups will always remain independent. Each group takes pride in their respective accomplishments and progress. The organizations are no longer just black or just white.

*1992 – August. Joseph Jackson died, at the age of 89. (check obit in the office for more info)*

*1994 – July 10. Members of The Frederick Allen Lodge and Mary A. Carter Temple, joined together at the lodge on Beekman Street to celebrate years of brotherhood and honor several of their members, and affirm their mission of helping others – of any color – as their top priority. Members recognized at this gathering were:*

David Phillips, who at 83 was the lodge's oldest and longest tenured member, at that time. A member since 1946, he has held each of the positions in the lodge including exalted ruler and chair of the house committee. Lawrence Youngblood, lodge secretary commented that Dave Phillips was the backbone of the lodge. "We wouldn't be sitting in this lodge today without him."

Also honored:

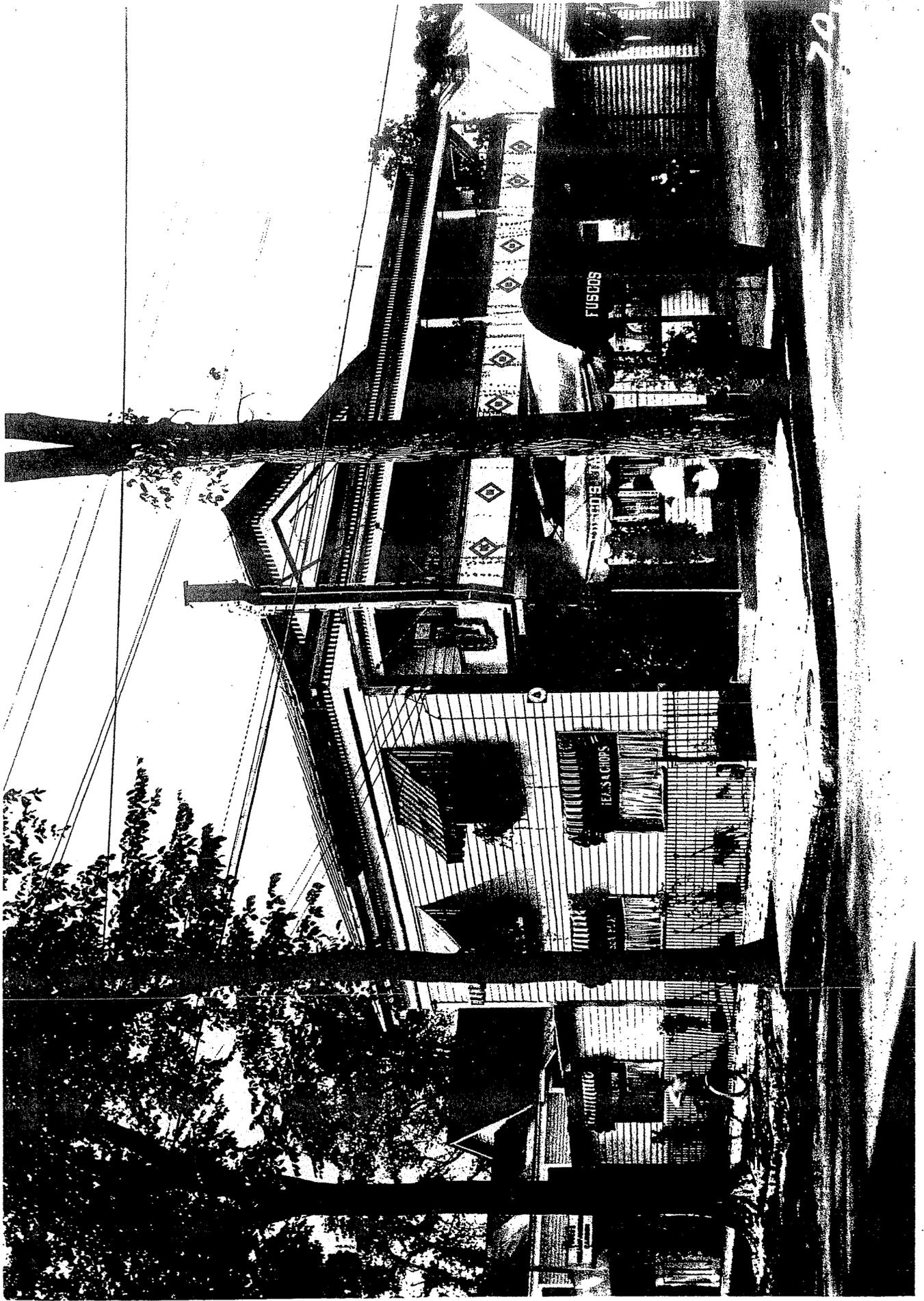
Hattie Mosely Austin and Bill Austin, members more than 30 years.

Margaret Dags Caron, a member for more than 20 years.

Charles A. Johnson, the lodge's exalted ruler and member since 1975.

Joseph Moore, treasurer and member since 1962.

Joseph Jackson, who died in 1992, three months after being named Elk of the Year.



Undated Photo of Fusco's Restaurant, 69 Beekman Street

