



### OUR FIRST BOARD OF OFFICERS

Elected December 7, 1929

Seated: Raymond A. Smith, Esteemed Loyal Knight; Henry W. Diffene, Exalted Ruler; James C. Crilly, Esteemed Leading Knight.

Standing: Harold M. Hallock, Secretary; Joseph F. Gibbons, Esteemed Lecturing Knight; Edward P. White, Treasurer; Dr. E. J. C. Smith, Esquire.

Other officers were: Trustees, Edwin Schwenk, James H. Hildreth, Charles Humblett, Owen G. Bennett, and Carl Dordelman. Tiler, Ralph Froot; Chaplain, Rev. Joseph Slomski; Inner Guard, W. Townsend Donnelly; Organist, Arthur Weiner.

# Highlights of 25 Years



Southampton Lodge, No. 1574, B. P. O. Elks was instituted on December 7, 1929.

On that date, following several months of preliminary work, and acting on a petition presented by the following brothers, Henry W. Diffene, James C. Crilly, Joseph F. Gibbons, Raymond A. Smith, Rev. Joseph Slomski, Lionel Jaffe, Charles Humblet, Edwin Schwenk, Edward P. White, Harold M. Hallock, Carl Dordelman, Owen G. Bennett and William S. Jenkins, the institution of the Lodge was completed by Eugene E. Navin, District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the Southeast District.

D. D. G. E. R. Navin was assisted in the institution by Elks from all Lodges of the Southeast District, as well as members of the Order from other sections of New York State.

Grand Exalted Ruler Walter Andrews, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Murray Hulbert and Past Grand Exalted Ruler, Hon. James Hallinan were also present at the institution.

Prior to the institution, a dinner was held at the Oaks Inn, East Hampton, attended by the visiting officials and candidates who were to be initiated that night.

The ceremony of institution was held at the Parochial School in Southampton, and in addition to the 14 members from Patchogue and Freeport Lodges who had petitioned for Southampton Lodge, the Degree of the Order was conferred on a group of 76 candidates that evening, so that Southampton Lodge started with a membership of 90 members.

The next regular meetings were held in Masons—Odd Fellows Building at Southampton, until March 1930.

On January 15, 1930, the Lodge voted to lease premises on Jobs Lane, Southampton, formerly Forrester's Hall, and after necessary alterations had been made, the Lodge moved to that building, holding the first meeting there on March 26, 1930, and had engaged the services of Ernest Geret as Steward.

During the latter part of 1935 the members felt that other quarters were needed, and after investigating several locations, the Lodge voted to enter into a lease with the Southampton Golf Club

## HIGHLIGHTS OF 25 YEARS (Continued)

for the use of a building that stood on the Golf Club property, and on June 1, 1936, the lodge moved to that location.

Within a short time these quarters proved too small and on July 17, 1940, the members authorized the Board of Trustees to purchase the present site, consisting of a building and about 14 acres of land.

Plans for alterations to the house on the property and a meeting room were prepared by Architect Arthur Newman, and within a few weeks plans had been accepted and a contract was awarded for the alterations and the construction of the present Lodge Room. This work was done by our late brother, James L. Norton as the general contractor.

On May 25, 1941, Southampton Lodge held "Open House" and celebrated informally, the opening of the new Home. Delegations of officers and members were present from every Lodge of the Southeast District.

On Wednesday night, May 28, 1941, the first session of the Lodge was held in the new Lodge Room, our late brother, P.E.R. Charles A. Ludder presiding. This was the 245th regular session of Southampton Lodge, and the membership on that date totaled 242. The 500th regular session of the Lodge was held on the night of Wednesday, July 27, 1955, and the membership on that date totaled nearly 600.

The dedication of the building took place on the night of Saturday, October 25th, 1941, Hon. John F. Scileppi, D.D.G.E.R., of Queensborough, and staff officiating. Past G.E.R. Hon. James T. Hallinan of Queensborough Lodge was a guest of honor at the dedication ceremony.

During 1950 further alterations were made to the building by which the kitchen was enlarged and modernized, and complete new equipment installed. The Grill room was enlarged and improved and a schuffle board table installed. Changes were made on the second floor of the building providing a large meeting room for committee meetings, etc., and a spacious office was provided for the secretary.

The adjoining property on the west of the Club, known as the "Smith Property" was purchased by the Lodge, and the old house was torn down, giving Southampton Lodge an extensive frontage on the North Road.



THE SOUTHAMPTON GOLF CLUB COTTAGE,  
OUR HOME—JUNE 1, 1936—MAY 25, 1941



OUR PRESENT HOME  
COMPLETED MAY 1941—DEDICATED OCTOBER 25, 1941

## *Grand Lodge and State Elks Association Appointments*



During the past twenty-five years, the Grand Lodge has honored Southampton Lodge by the appointment of two of our members to the office of District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler for the Southeast District.

Bro. P.E.R. Laurence I. Nicoll was named for the term 1944-45 and Bro. P.E.R. Frank Crowitz served for the term 1953-54.

During the term of Bro. Frank Crowitz, a Lodge was instituted at Levittown, known as Levittown Lodge, No. 1931 and this is the "Baby Lodge" of the Southeast District.

The Lodge has also been honored by the New York State Elks Association by having two of our members named to the office of Vice President, N. Y. State Elks Association, Southeast District.

These appointments were Bro. P.E.R. Laurence I. Nicoll for 1937 and Bro. P.E.R. Seth A. Hubbard for 1948.

Early in the year 1955, Bro. P.E.R. Patrick Erwin was elected a Trustee of the N. Y. State Elks Association, in which office he is now serving. In addition to these appointments several members of 1574 have been appointed to various committees of the State Association.

The Southeast District includes the Lodges of Staten Island, Bronx, New York City, Brooklyn and all of Nassau and Suffolk Counties.