

## Masonic Temples used by Liverpool Lodge No. 525

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### Note:

A. Leonidas Lodge No. 381 [4 Jun 1824-5 Jun 1835] met in what is now Johnson Park in a wooden building shared by the church, school and Lodge, built by Bro. James Johnson (Salina Lodge No. 327).

B. It then met on the third floor of the Cobblestone Hotel, where they had a 'spring-board dance floor.' This hotel was built and operated by W.'. Bro. Jonathan P. Hicks.



1. August 26, 1862 to 1866: The first communications of the Lodge were held in the Odd Fellows Hall on the third floor of the Smith Block (building owned by R & J Smith) which stands on the northwest corner of Vine and First Streets, now minus the second and third floors (the Nichols Liquors Store as of 1995). The original furnishings were purchased from the Odd Fellows following the surrender of their Charter.



First home of Liverpool Lodge No. 525



As it appears in 2020

2. 1866 to 1878: In 1866 the Smith's lease was broken to occupy space in the newly erected Manly Building on the northwest corner of Tulip and First Streets, presently number 401. The lease, dated April 1, 1866, is in the archives of the Lodge and reads as follows:

This Article of Agreement between [Bro.] William Manly of the Village of Liverpool of the first part, and [Bro.] Hiram L. Hawley and [Bro.] John S. Heath of said Village of Liverpool of the second part - Witnesseth, that the said William Manly agrees to let - or rent - to the said Hiram L. Hawley and John S. Heath or their assigns the third story of his brick building (now in progress of construction) together with the right of entrance through the first and second stories to the said third story; the same to be used as a Masonic Hall or Lodge Room - Said Manly reserves the right of entrance through the said third story to the roof of the building -

In consideration of the payment - of fifty six dollars per year to be paid quarterly by the occupants, this agreement is to remain in force for the term of ten or more years.

Signed and sealed this first day [of] April at Liverpool Onondaga Co. New York Eighteen hundred and sixty six -

*Wm. Manly*

*J. S. Heath*

The minutes of the Lodge record the regular payment of rent on the Manly Lodge Room until November of 1875, when some trouble developed in paradise, culminating in an entry in the minutes on December 25, 1876, when "a committee of three was appointed to confer with [Bro.] M[oses] Latimore in relation to Renting his room."



Second home of Liverpool Lodge No. 525  
Rental agreement of the Manly Block dated 1 Apr 1866



As it appears in 2020

3. March 11, 1878 to Late 1889: "Lodge met in the Manly Block and adjourned to the Latimore Block." The rental amount for the new Lodge room was \$50 per year. On February 1, 1886, Past Master Chillingworth moved that "two weeks from tonight the Lodge take a vote as to whether we remain in our present quarters or not. Carried. The Trustees, meanwhile, to confer with M. Latimore and Bro. Hand in regard to their respective Halls." The building lost its third floor from a fire.



317 First Street in center – 3 Feb 1948

Third home of Liverpool Lodge No. 525 on top floor of building on the left.



As it appeared after a fire took the top floor



4. Late 1889 to Late 1907: The Masonic Hall was returned to the Manly Building, except that it was now owned by Br. Thomas Hand (and later by Mrs. Gertrude Gale). The minutes of September 9, 1889 reflect that the motion to move was carried and a draft for \$20 rent was drawn.



Fourth home of Liverpool Lodge No. 525  
Rental agreement of the Manly Block dated 1 Apr 1866



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5. ca August 20, 1906 to September 1918: On June 4th the Lodge received a communication from Mrs. Gale raising the rent from July 1st to \$75 [per year]. After a procedural error, the then Master, W. . Luther L. Weller, found it necessary on July 30th to write a lengthy letter to the Brethren, to be spread upon the Minutes, which reads in small part . . . "This Lodge at its last regular communication, the members having been summoned therefore, voted to remove its place of meeting from the building owned by Mrs. Gertrude Gale [the Manly or Hand Block], a part of which this Lodge had occupied for a number of years, to the building owned by William Gleason and the Gleason estate (later by the Orths). This meeting was the last one to be held in the Gale building prior to the expiration of the tenancy, and it was necessary that the next regular communication of the Lodge, August 20th, should be held in the new Lodge rooms. Notwithstanding this fact the Lodge closed its meeting without any provisions being made for effecting the transfer of the Lodge from one building to the other. . . . Who had the power and authority to make the transfer?" . . .

This building is located at the southeast corner of Tulip and First Streets.



Fifth home of Liverpool Lodge No. 525



As it appears in 2020

6. September 7, 1918 to present 1995: The present Liverpool Temple lot, at 608 Oswego Street, was purchased on December 16, 1916, for \$800. The financing of the new Temple was accomplished by the sale of stock. The cornerstone was laid on November 11, 1917 and was dedicated on August 6, 1918, by M. .W. . William S. Farmer, Grand Master. In more recent times it has seen renovations in the kitchen, the main Lodge room and foyer and most recently in the Fellowcraft room, with new lighting, chairs and pool table, round tables, a VCR and a new television. The O.E.S. assisted financially throughout the Temple's history.





Grouping of Liverpool Temples, by above letters/numbers