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DE WITT CLINTON CHAPTER

Order of DeMolay
(Sponsored by Third Masonic District Association
of Manhattan)

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Kansas City, Mo.

St. Peters Lutheran Church Parish House
130 East 54th Street,
New York City, N. Y.

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DeWitt Clinton Chapter, Order of DeMolay, sponsored by the Third Masonic District Association of Manhattan, meets the First and Third Thursdays of each month at St. Peters Lutheran Church Parish House, 130 East 54th Street, New York City, N.Y.

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of Nathan Hale Chapter, #568, Order of DeMolay,
of Elmhurst, N.Y.

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DEWITT CLINTON was born March 2, 1769, in New Britian, N.Y., the son of a veteran officer of Washington's Army. He was enrolled as one of the first students in the new Columbia College in New York City, graduating in 1786. Here he displayed the qualities and talents that led one of his instructors, a Dr. Cochrane, to write of him: "He did everything well, upon the whole, he seemed likely to me to prove, as he did prove, a highly useful and practical man. What the Romans called Civilis, a useful citizen and qualified to counsel and direct his fellow citizens."

After graduation from Columbia he read law in New York City where he was admitted to the bar. Successful as a lawyer his abilities and talents won for him the post of U. S. Senator, from N.Y. at the age of 32. Resigning from the Senate in the fall of 1803, to become Mayor of New York City, he lead in establishing the public school system here. In 1812 he was nominated for the presidency of the U. S., his successful opponent being James Madison. It was during this time that he, with others, conceived the idea of the Erie Canal and for the rest of his lifetime he worked for the canal project.

In 1817 he was elected Governor of N. Y. State and was re-elected in 1820. Refusing to be a candidate in 1822 he accepted the post of Canal Commissioner, from which he was removed by political trickery. In 1824 he was again elected Governor of N.Y. - vindicating his championship of the canal.

Of interest to us is not only his achievements as a legislator, and a champion of the public schools, but also his eminence as a Mason. Raised a Master Mason in Holland Lodge #8, N.Y.C., he became Master in 1793. In 1806 he became Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of New York. Later he served as Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter; Grand Master of the Grand Encampment; and General Grand Master of the Knights Templar.

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Our thanks and congratulation to Nathan Hale Chapter #568, Order of DeMolay, sponsored by Trinity Commandery Knights Templar, who are celebrating their 25th Anniversary this year.