

HISTORY OF MENTONE CHAPTER #331, ORDER OF EASTERN STAR

On January 19, 1906, 21 prospective members, S. Lindsay Blue, Orpha Blue, Rose Boggess, Alice Bowman, J. F. Bowman, Rose Eddinger, Phoebe jefferies, Margaret Jefferies, Daisy Ketterman, Alice Latimer, Anna Manwaring, Hannah Mentzer, M. O. Mentzer, Minnie Mentzer, Myrtle Sarber, Ethel Shafer, Maude Snyder, Lulu Thompson, Margaret Wertemberger and Solomon Zent, petitioned the Indiana Grand Chapter for a Chapter in Mentone.

On February 9, 1906 the petitioners met with a group of Grand Officers for the purpose of getting the Chapter organized. It was decided that the Chapter should be named Mentone Chapter, and that the meetings beheld on the 1st and 3rd Monday evenings of each month, meetings to convene at 7:30.

After meeting all requirements as demanded by Grand Chapter, writing of By-Laws, purchasing of paraphernalia, etc, the Chapter was instituted and the Charter granted on May 4, 1906, with the following officers being installed:

Worthy Matron	Margaret Jefferies
Worthy Patron	S. Lindsay Blue
Associate Matron	Alice Bowman
Secretary	Minnie Mentzer
Treasurer	Rose Eddinger
Conductress	Orpha Blue
Associate Conductress	Emma Yocum
Chaplain	Anna Manwaring
Marshall	Hannah Mentzer
Organist	Daisy Ketterman
Adha	Myrtle Sarber
Ruth	Rose Boggess
Esther	Alice Latimer
Martha	Ersie Latimer
Electa	Phoebe Jefferies
Warder	Margaret Wertemberger
Sentinel	Solomon Zent

The Chapter grew quite rapidly, with petitions being presented at every meeting for quite some time. The initiatory work was given almost as frequently.

The Masonic Hall was a focal point for social functions, and often the members of the Masonic Fraternity and the Eastern Star organization held joint parties, with the families of the members as guests. For a few years, joint Installations were held on New Year's Eve, with a carry-in dinner. The families of the members were invited to this which was a very joyous occasion.