



Dedication
of
Historical Identification Plaque
of the
Pioneer Grange Hall
now the
American Legion Club House

June 14, 1991

3:30 p.m.

Stephenson, Michigan



The Pioneer Grange Hall in Stephenson was the first of its kind in Menominee County. It was built and dedicated by the farm organization in 1911.

The site was purchased from the late Charles Swanson and the contractor was the late Scylla Horde, who built several other noteworthy buildings in the area including the Church of the Precious Blood.

In addition to its use by the Grange, the building was used for community events and, for several years, as part of the Cloverland Farmers' Fair. When the fair was discontinued in 1932, the building stood idle.

In 1932, the Stephenson Masonic Lodge purchased the hall and it was used by the Masonic Lodge and Order of the Eastern Star until those groups consolidated with the Menominee Lodge and Chapter in 1989.

The building is now the home of the Godfrey Anderson American Legion Post No. 43, Stephenson, Michigan.

Program

Master of Ceremonies	John H. Adams Chairman Dedication Committee
Invocation	Pastor Dave W. Kahler Central Baptist Church
Pledge of Allegiance	
Welcome	Mayor Herbert Corey City of Stephenson
Choral Presentation	Community Choir Eileen Andrews, Director Grace Hornung, Accompanist
Unveiling	Commander Jerry Lynch American Legion Post No. 43
Remarks	Past President Dr. Roger Seidl Menominee County Historical Society
Remarks	Roland Winter Master of the State Grange
Remarks	State Representative Dave Anthony Michigan House of Representatives, 109th District
Speaker	Honorable Robert Davis U.S. House of Representatives 11th Congressional District
Choral Presentation	Community Choir
Benediction	Rev. David Leenhouts Stephenson United Methodist Church



Social Hour and Dinner

Presentation of George Beaudoin Plaque	
Elton Westman	Humorous Narration

Godfrey Anderson
American Legion Post No. 43

Officers

Jerry Lynch, Commander
Peter Oczus, 1st Vice Commander
Myron Thoun, 2nd Vice Commander
Harold Phillippo, Chaplain
John Sundquist, Judge Advocate
Victor Gerue, Historian
Byron Chartre, Adjutant
John Horvath, Finance Officer
Rubert Thonne, Service Officer
Richard Walli, Sergeant-at-Arms

Executive Officers

Francis Vetort Peter Oczus John Adams

Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 43

Officers

Stella Horvath, President
Marie Adams, Vice President
Eileen Andrews, Secretary
Gertrude Salp, Chaplain
Elaine Berglin, Sergeant-at-Arms
Marion Horvath, Historian
Rhoda Paronto, Treasurer

Dedication Committee

John Adams, Chairman
Clifford Brown Co-Chairman
Stella Horvath
Francis Vetort
William Sharon
Elizabeth Brown
Marie Adams
John Mellinger