



Lewis Button, age 99, was honored during the Bicentennial Celebration of the Allen Lodge #24 Free and Accepted Masons. This year marks Button's 69th year of membership. Chris Stout, a Glasgow native and Grand Master of Kentucky, presented Button with a plaque to commemorate the milestone.

ALLEN LODGE #24:

A Glasgow
Cornerstone

By **SAM TERRY**

August 26 marked the 200th anniversary of the Allen Lodge #24, Free and Accepted Masons, an organization almost as old as the city of Glasgow, having been organized only thirteen years after the local government came into existence. Since the early 19th century, Allen Lodge has been an integral party of the community as the ideals of Freemasonry are practiced by its members daily.

According to lodge records, an effort was made to establish a local lodge in 1808 but it did not meet with success until 1813. It is believed that the lodge was named for John Allen, a Past Grand Master who had been killed at the Battle of the River Raisin during the War of 1812. There was a brief period in which the group was defunct but otherwise the organization has been in con-

tinuous operation for two centuries.

The lodge boasted of some of the most prominent men in Glasgow and Barren County. Names such as Daniel Culp, Joseph Winlock, William Douglass, William Gray, and E.M. Kelton will be found among the group's Master Masons while William Edmunds served as Senior Warden and Christopher Tompkins served as Master.

Tompkins was one of southern Kentucky's most celebrated jurists who also served in the Kentucky General Assembly beginning at the age of twenty-four. His wife, Theodosia Logan, was the daughter of Gen. Benjamin Logan of Fort Logan near Stanford. Theodosia's nephew, Stephen Trigg Logan, studied law under his uncle and eventually became a law partner of Abraham Lincoln.

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